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By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. McLAUCHLAN SLATER, F.I.A., Secretary,

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VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the Property and Credits of HAWABAI, widow of RAJI IBRAHIM NOORMAHOMED, late of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, deceased.

ABDUL HUSAIN HAJEE SIDICK of Bombay Cutchi Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, the only grandson of the said deceased.....Petitioner

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Witness SIR LOUIS ADDIN KRISHAW, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, the 23rd day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-eight and in the Sixty-Second Year of our Reign.

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NOTICE.

WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of Members, W. I. T. C., will be held at the Annexe, Watson's Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, at 5-30 P.M.

By Order,
CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 3rd February, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, W. I. T. C., will be held at the Annexe, Watson's Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 23rd February, at 5-30 P.M.

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Bombay, 3rd February, 1899.

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DAY TICKETS will be sold at the Gate only.
N.B.—SEASON TICKETS for the EXTRA MEETINGS are NOT available for the Bombay Races.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 6th February, 1899.

NOTICE.

CONTRACTORS are in front of tenders for the construction of a RO AD LEADING from the Victoria Road, Bombay, near Ready Money Houses to the property lately bought by His Highness the Gaekwar can obtain particulars and conditions on application to the undersigned.

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First entry closes on 13th February.
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CORPORATION OF CALCUTTA.

LOAN NOTIFICATION.

THE COMMISSIONERS of Calcutta are prepared, with the sanction of the Governor General in Council given under section 4 of the Local Loans (Municipal Emergency) Loans Act, 1887, to open a Debenture Loan for Rs. 4,50,000 four lakhs on the security of the rates, taxes and dues imposed and levied under the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888.

2. The debentures will have a currency of 10 ten years from the 1st May, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 1-2 per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st May and the 1st November of each year.

3. The form of the debentures will be that given in the Twelfth Schedule to Act II B C of 1888.

4. No debentures will be issued for any sum less than Rs. 500, and exchange debentures will be issued only for multiples of Rs. 100.

5. Tenders for the whole or any part of the above loan of Rs. 4,50,000 will be received by the Secretary to the Commission up to 2 o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 17th February 1899

6. Each tender must be made out in the form annexed to this Notification and endorsed "Tender for Debentures" addressed to the Secretary to the Corporation and superscribed—"Tender for Municipal Loan of 1899-99."

7. Each tender must be accompanied by an earnest deposit in Government promissory notes, Calcutta municipal debentures currency-notes or cheques for not less than 3 per cent of the amount tendered.

8. When a tender is accepted, the earnest deposit, when made in currency-notes or cheques, will be held as a payment in part of the amount tendered for, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 1-2 per cent. per annum from the date of acceptance of the tender, provided that the whole amount tendered is paid up in full on the date prescribed, but no debenture will issue for the amount of the earnest deposit so long as the entire amount of the tender is not paid, but debentures may be issued for any instalment paid in full, the earnest deposit not being included in any but the last instalment.

9. The earnest deposits on tenders, which may not be accepted, will be returned on application, and no interest will be payable on such deposits. If an allotment after being made is not taken up, or only partially taken up in full as hereinafter prescribed, the earnest deposit will be forfeited.

10. The rate at which a tender is made must be specified in rupees, or rupees and annas : but not in any fraction of an anna. If a rate containing a fraction of an anna is inserted in any tender, such fraction will be struck out, and the tender treated as if the rate did not contain such fraction of an anna. A tender in which the rate is not specified in rupees or rupees and annas will be rejected as informal.

11. The whole amount of each allotment will be divided in to four equal instalments as nearly as possible, payable into the Bank of Bengal, on account of the Commissioners, at Calcutta, as follows :—

Instalment I. About 25 per cent on account of the tender to be paid on the day of allotment.
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Do. III. ditto 25 per cent ditto 30th March, 1899.
Do. IV. ditto 25 per cent ditto 14th April, 1899.

Including earnest deposit if in currency note or cheque

N. B.—The words as near as possible are used in this paragraph for the purpose of making each instalment an exact multiple of Rs. 100 for debentures in excess of Rs. 500.

12. Parties whose tenders are accepted will have the option of paying all or any of the instalments before the dates specified above and will receive interest from the dates of such payment

13. Anticipation interest will be paid on all instalments from the respective dates on which such instalments are paid into the Bank of Bengal at the rate of 4 per cent.

14. In the case of two or more tenders at the same lowest rate accepted a "pro rata" allotment will be made, but no such allotment will be issued if the amount is less than that stated on any tender is less than Rs. 500

15. A minimum having been previously fixed, tenders will be opened by the Board of Commissioners, at 2 30 P.M., on Friday the 17th February 1899 at the Municipal Office

J. OWEN,
Offg. Secretary to the Corporation
Municipal Office Calcutta, 24th January 1899

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DEBENTURES.

I ... hereby tender for Rs. ... of the Municipal four-and-a-half 4 1-2 per cent. Debentures Loan for 1899-99, and agree to pay for the same at the rate of Rupees ... per cent. and to accept such lesser amount of Rupees allotted to me, subject to the conditions stated in the Notification.

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P. and O. s. s. Peninsula, with English mails of 27th ult., due to arrive at daylight.

Adjourned sitting of the Plague Commission, Secretariat, 11 a.m.

Bombay Cycle Club, annual race meeting, Marine Lines, 4-30 p.m.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.

B. V. A., Wheal Cup competition, Mahaluxmi Fort.

Gymkhana meeting, Byculla Club.

Tivoli Theatre, Mr. Charles Bertram's performance.

Anjuman-e-Elmi-e-Farsi conversational meeting.

New High School, Hornby Road, 5-30 p.m.

SUNDAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 59m. High water, 0-22m., 0-40s. Low water, 6-29m., 6-27s.

B. V. A., Caribne meeting.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at Sir R. Temple's Statue at 6-15 a.m., on Sunday, for a run to Bandora via Worlee and back.

BOMBAY CYCLE CLUB RACES.—Event No. 4—Home Trainer Race, one mile scratch, will take place at 4 p.m., to-day. Competitors are requested to be punctual.

CHARITY SERMON.—On Sunday 12th February a charity sermon will be preached by the Rev. Fr. W. Wallrath at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Masagon at 6 a.m., in aid of the funds of the Mazbar-pakady Conference of St. Vicent de Paul. Seats will be specially reserved for non-parishioners.

THEOSOPHICAL LECTURE.—A public lecture will be delivered by Mr. David Gostling at the Bhavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Bombay Branch, 37, Hornby Road, Fort, to-morrow (Sunday) at 6 p.m. Subject :—"The Influence of the Teachings of Christ upon the English Nation."

REPORTED THEFT.—Bhai Babaji, a clerk employed in the Bombay Municipality, residing at Khatwady has reported to the police that during his absence at Malad, his place in Bombay was broken into and thirty five pieces of wearing apparel of the value of Rs. 215 were stolen from a box, which was forced open.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles, per s. s. Indus, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 9-30 a.m., on Tuesday the 14th inst.—Mails for Colombo, the Straits, China, Japan, and Australia, per s. s. Chusan, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

FALL DOWN A STAIRCASE.—Amir Khan Mahomed Khan, a Pathan, aged seventy years, residing at Kandia Street, was going down the staircase of his house on Thursday morning, when he slipped and fell, fracturing two of his ribs on the left side. The injured man was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital and detained for treatment.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dustur, Inspector Brewin charged Dossa Jiwaji, a Borah, who holds the necessary licences for hack-vehicles, with cruelty to a horse by using it in an unfit condition, viz., to draw a hack victoria. The animal had been reduced to a mere skeleton, and both its knees were badly broken. The accused was fined Rs. 15.

ENHANCED PENSION.—Mrs. Koyaji, widow of the late Surgeon B. N. Koyaji, of the 1st Belooch Regiment, and Rao Bahadur K. R. E., who is now on a visit to Europe, has given full power of attorney to Syed Mustaffa, one of the members of his Highness' family to continue the works of charity and to perform religious rites during the holidays of Ramjan. His Highness offered Rs. 1,000 charity for the poor in the sacred month of Ramjan, and he has wired to Mukhi Kamdia Ismael Cassam that he has appointed Syed Mustaffa to be his representative in Bombay with instructions to continue the usual charities and perform the necessary usual rites. The order of his Highness has been announced by Mukhi Cassam Moosa, one of the most trusted and capable managers of his Highness, who looks after the enormous estates on his Highness in Bombay.

PENALTY FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. W. Webb, acting Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Abdulla Enoos, a Mahomedan, stood charged at the instance of Constable Paterson with giving false information to a public servant. In his information lodged before the magistrate, Constable Paterson stated that the accused was employed as a tinsmith in the Union Mill. On the night of the 26th ultimo, about 11 o'clock, accused proceeded to the quarters of the Police Constable at Bhoiwada, Parel, and there laid a complaint against Noormahomed Mountain, Police Constable, charging him with theft of R. 125 in currency notes and cash. He further stated that the money was given to him by the mill owner Vaughen and that the sowar robbed him of that money. The police, on investigating the matter, ascertained that the charge preferred by the accused against the sowar was false, and that accused had no money in his possession on the night of occurrence. On the following morning, the sowar was placed before Mr. Hartley Kennedy, Commissioner of Police, who granted a sanction to prosecute the accused before a magistrate for giving false information to a public servant. When the information was read over to the accused in court, he admitted the truth of its contents. He, however, pleaded drunkenness. The magistrate sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 50, with the alternative of two months' rigorous imprisonment. Out of the fine a sum of Rs. 10 was ordered to be paid to the sowar as compensation. The fine was paid.

SUSPICION WELL FOUNDED.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Haji Abdulla Mahomedshah and Haji Abdulla Guni, both Mahomedans, were charged, on the instance of Inspector Williamson, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, with house-breaking and theft of pieces of gold embroided wearing apparel, gold coins and cash, of the collective value of Rs. 1207, belonging to Syed Mahomed Magrabia fakir, residing in Bhiwandi Mohalla. On Tuesday afternoon, complainant locked his room and went out. When he returned in the evening he found the room had been broken into, the articles gone and the property abstracted therefrom. Complainant suspected the first accused, who used to visit the place and about whose honesty he had some doubt. Complainant called him and questioned him about it, but only succeeded in finding out a clue to the property. The matter was then reported to the police, who arrested the first accused. The latter, while in police custody made a statement which led to the arrest of the second accused in connection with it. The police on a room occupied by his sister and there produced from a box the stolen property. The first accused pleaded guilty to the charge but the second asserted his innocence stating that he had kept the property without any guilty knowledge. His Worship sentenced the first accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment and discharged the second accused, remarking that there was some doubt about his guilt.

DISPUTED DOWRY OF A DECEASED WIFE.—Before Mr. S. B. Spencer, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Shaik Cassum and Goolam Mahomed, surrendered to their bail bonds yesterday, on charges of criminal breach of trust and criminal misappropriation in respect of gold ornaments and gold embroidered and wearing apparel of the value of Rs. 302 preferred against them by Mahomed Shaik Ahmed. Kapadia, pleader, appeared for the complainant and the accused were defended by Mr. Athavale, pleader. The complainant stated that he was a resident of Panwel. The first accused was his father-in-law and the second accused his brother-in-law. About a year ago complainant sent his wife to her father's place with certain ornaments and clothing. Three months after complainant's wife died and since then the ornaments and clothing remained with her father and brother. The complainant further stated that the accused had pledged the ornaments with a Marwary and eventually sold one of them to him. Complainant demanded the return of the ornaments, but accused refused to do so. Mr. Athavale, on behalf of the defence, urged that the accused had pledgedthe ornaments with the express desire of the complainant's wife, who was, according to the Mahomedan Law, entitled to withhold them in satisfaction of her *Maher* (dowry) which was not paid her. Since the death of the wife, the accused had become entitled to a moiety of the *Maher* (dowry) and they had thus a right to detain the ornaments until their share of the *Maher* was paid to them by the complainant. Complainant, when questioned by the court said that the ornaments were given to his wife at the time of her marriage and that she wore them, on various occasions, used to wear them. Mr. Kapadia, on behalf of the complainant, then applied for a permission to withdraw the case without prejudice to his clients' rights in a civil court. The magistrate in disposing of the case, remarked that it was more a civil than a criminal matter in dispute between the parties. Mr. Kapadia did not lead evidence in the case and as the pleader applied for permission to withdraw, the court granted leave and discharged the accused.

THE REV. JULIAN ROBINSON.

A telegram has been received in India announcing the death on the 4th instant of the Revd. Julian Robinson, formerly a Chaplain on the Indian establishment, but better known in his time as the first permanent editor of the Pioneer. In his professional capacity Mr. Robinson was a padre of the old school. If his pulpit style had been prolonged to these days it is probable that there would not have been much in common between him and Bishop Welldon. As a journalist he was eminently in place. Without being precisely a scholar, he possessed a wide and varied fund of information, and a facile pen ; and moreover he was liberally gifted with the literary sense. An excellent judge of writing in others, what he wrote himself was always readable ; and he was unwearied moreover in the labour of the file. Indian journalism in his day was a leisurely business that allowed full scope for the polishing process, and a tradition still survives behind down through generations of compilers and correctors of the fabulous number of times that Mr. Robinson has been known to call for a fresh proof of an article before getting it to his liking. The result of much editing was that an important article would be turned out with the cut and finish of the Saturday Review. When Mr. Robinson came to the charge of the Pioneer it was no more than an experiment, and when he left it about the year 1876, it had found its niche, and its footing was assured. Mr. Robinson had a large family of whom two at least inherit a full share of their father's capacity for letters—Mr. Phil Robinson, the author of "In My Indian Garden" and Mr. E. Kay Robinson, who has but recently retired from the editorship of a leading Indian newspaper,—"Pioneer."

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

A SENTENCE ANNULLED.

IMPERATRIX VS. DUMMING ALIAS BALYA.

This was a report of the proceedings of Mr. Annajee Ramchandra Pethe, second class magistrate of Salsette, who, in December last, convicted the accused of thefts in a dwelling-house and of house breaking by night to commit theft, and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for six months for each of the offences. Mr. A. F. Maconochie, District Magistrate of Tanna, in forwarding the the High Court the papers and proceedings in the case, stated that the magistrate had convicted the accused under sections 380 and 457 of the Indian Penal Code, and passed sentences of six months for each offence. Section 35, illustration A. Criminal Procedure Code distinctly lays down that the offences under sections 380 and 457 are not two distinct offences, and consequently two sentences are illegal. (Bombay High Court ruling No. 31 of September 1896.) The District Magistrate therefore requested the High Court to annul the sentence under section 380, leaving that under section 457 in force.

Their lordships held that the separate sentences were illegal, and therefore, as recommended by the District Magistrate, cancelled the second sentence.

CONVICTION AND SENTENCE REVERSED.

IMPERATRIX VS. PAGI DHULA DHANA AND ANOTHER.

This was a reference of the proceedings of Ratnajee Sadajee, police patel of Samaspar, District Kaira, who, in December last, convicted the accused of theft and fined them one rupee each : in default each was ordered to be confined in the village "chora" for twelve hours. The fine was paid, Mr. G. Fane, District Magistrate of Kaira, forwarding to the High Court the return of cases, stated that under section 15 of the Bombay Village Police Act, VIII. of 1867, the police patel convicted the two accused of theft ; but it appeared from the papers that the offence was committed not within the limits of the village, in which he is police patel, but at another village, about three miles distant. His action was, therefore, contrary to law and should be cancelled.

Their lordships, for the reasons given by the District Magistrate, reversed the convictions and sentences, and ordered the fines to be refunded.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Cuffe Parade, Fort Northern and Esplanade ...	11	0	3
B Mandvi ... Chakla, ... Umarkhadi and Dongri ...	10	7	31
C Market, Bhuleshwar, Kamathipura and Kumbharwada ...	33	9	36
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi ...	10	7	19
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kasbhurs, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	33	18	51
F Parel, Sewaree and Sion ...	16	7	23
G Mahim and Worlee ...	7	3	16
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	69	84
Total ...	113	120	289
Total plague deaths to date ...	34,189	30,234	
Same date last year ...	182	171	302

INOCULATION.

Yesterday, 419 persons have been inoculated at the Esplanade Inoculation Station, of whom there have been 248 Parsees, 152 Hindus, 7 Mahomedans, and 12 Christians.

BANDRA.

There were 7 attacks and 2 deaths from plague reported within the limits of the Bandra Municipality on Friday.

DAMAUN.

There were five deaths from plague on Wednesday at Lower Damaun being three Sonies respectively of the ages of 22, 18 and 4 years at Purboo Molla, one of 8 years at Navi bil and one of 13 years in Katharia Most of the Christian families have left Lower Damaun the former for Nagar Haveli district and the latter formandwas erected in the village of Doondesha.

The Ahmedabad train that arrived at Vaji (Damaun Road station) on Wednesday brought with it from Surat Dr. Fraser Dr. Ruffer Mr. A. Cumine and Mr. Halifax forming the Indian Plague Commission and their staff. On the gentlemen alighting from the train at the station Dr. Fraser the President enquired for Mr. Damaunwalla. An old Parsee gentleman handed him a letter from Mr. Sorabjee Manekji Damaunwala stating his inability to be present at the station, but that he was willing to give his evidence later on at Bombay. Dr. Fraser read the letter and left by the same train which started for Bombay owing to his indisposition. The remaining three Gentlemen with a short hand writer and a typewriter afterwards took their seats in the waiting room of the station and invited the Damaun witnesses Drs. Pinto, Cunha, Moniz and Fernandes who were there present to take their seats in the room. Each of the doctors was then examined on oath in writing to have been by Dr. Ruffer and Mr. Cumine putting a number of questions and recording their answers. The examination was concluded by 5 p. m. when the witnesses returned to Damaun and the members of the Commission with their staff left by the train at 11-30 p m for Bombay.

THE AHMEDABAD-PRANTEJ RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE fourth ordinary general meeting of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway Company, Limited, will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd February, at 4 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business :—

1st.—to adopt the Director's Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December 1898, and declaration of a Dividend ;—2nd.—elect a Director in the place of Mr. R. Gilbert, who retires by rotation, but is eligible for re-election. 4th.—to confirm the appointment of Mr. Laibhai Dalpatbhai as a Director in place of Khan Bahadur Nowrojee Pestonjee Vakil C.I.E. 5th.—to appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration. 6th—to transact any other business that may be brought by the Company. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 22nd February to 8th March 1899, both days inclusive.

The Directors' report to the shareholders is as under—Directors have the pleasure to announce that the traffic of the Line has been fairly satisfactory during the past half year.

For the 12 months ending 31st December, the net receipts of the Line as received from Government is sufficient to pay a dividend of 4 per cent, per annum, without any assistance in the form of rebate from the main Line. When due consideration is paid to the effects of plague, quarantine in connection with, the difficulty of competing with cart traffic in the early stages of a railway, this result, the working of the first year is satisfactory. If plague keeps away from Guzarat the prospect of an increased dividend for the present six months is very promising. The approximate earnings for the 21 days of the current year are Rs. 2,351 in excess of last year. You will see from the Revenue Account that the net total earnings for the first half year amounted to Rs. 49,827, while for the second half they are reckoned approximately at Rs. 39,000. It will be seen from the Balance Sheet that the amount available for disposal is Rs. 39,816 from which your Directors recommend appropriating as under :—1.—Dividend for the Second half year ending 31st December last, at Rs. 10 per Share, Rs. 39,000. II.—Balance to be carried forward Rs. 816, Total Rupees, 39,816. The Agents have been in frequent communication with the Dewan of Idar, and H. H. The Maharajah has kindly consented to refund the royalty on Ahmedabad Prantej which it is hoped will now bring considerable traffic to the Railway. Khan Bahadur Nowrojee Pestonjee Vakil, C. I. E., having resigned the Board owing to ill health, Mr. Laibhai Dalpatbhai of Ahmedabad was invited to join the Board and you are asked to confirm his appointment. Under the Articles of Association one of the Directors, Mr. R. Gilbert retires, but is eligible for re-election. You will have to appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration. The audited Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December 1898 is annexed herewith.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BOMBAY AND MADRAS GROUNDNUTS.

General Memorandum on the Groundnut Crop in Bombay and Madras, 1898-99 :—In Bombay the area estimated to have been sown by the 20th December in the British districts amounts to about 28,000 acres, being 37 per cent less than the area sown last year, and 50 per cent below the average. In the Native States the area is estimated at 14,000 acres, most of which is in Kolhapur, and is 36 per cent less than last year's area. The decrease in the British districts is attributed to the want of seasonable rain, and in parts to disease of the crop. The outturn is estimated at 7,100 tons for the Native States and 45,300 tons for the British districts against nearly 56,000 tons produced in the latter districts last year.

In Madras the area sown (excluding the zamindari area) is estimated at 88,500 acres, being more by 5·9 per cent than last year's area, but 39 per cent less than the average. The decrease in area, which is general, is attributed, as in Bombay, chiefly to unseasonable rainfall. The condition of the crop, except in South Arcot where it has been damaged by excessive rainfall, is reported to be generally good. The outturn on the whole is estimated at 82 per cent of a normal crop on the area sown.

The exports of earthnuts from India to foreign countries during the last five years have been(in cwt.) :

	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1893-99 (Nine months)
Bombay ...	1,508,187	796,968	238,892	19,966	5,730
Madras ...	668,688	321,144	247,185	24,579	5,077
Other provinces ...	149	187	208	194	726
Total ...	2,267,222	1,118,279	486,285	44,739	11,533

THE MUNICIPAL VACANCY.

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace was held yesterday afternoon, in the Council Hall of the Municipality to elect a member of the Municipal Corporation in place of Mr. R. H. Vincent, resigned. Khan Bahadur Muncherji Cowasji Marshan was called to the chair. There were two candidates in the field, Mr. Chimanlal Harilal Setalwad and Dr. Dossabhoy Cowasji Patel. Voting commenced at 4 and continued till 6 p.m. Messrs M. R. Wadia, E. B. Walle, H. Holmes, and Asandrao Wyman Shete were appointed scrutineers to examine the voting papers. The result will be declared to-day.

THE BOMBAY LADIES' BRANCH NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE annual general meeting of this Association was held at Government House on Wednesday, 8th February, at 5-30 p.m., when there were present :

H. E. Lady Sandhurst, President, in the chair. Members: Mrs. Candy, Mrs. Childe, Miss Manockjee Curseljee, Miss A. Benson, M.D., Mrs. Budrudin Tyabji, Mrs. Gostling, Lady J. C. Jehangirjee, Mrs. Moolji Barbhaya, Mrs. Solomon Sassoon, Mrs. M. G. Ranade, Mrs. Jejeebhoy F. Petit, Lady Jamshedji Jijibhoy, Mrs. D. J. Farakh, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Haji Mahomed, Mrs. Pherozeshah H. Dastoor, Mrs. Wilson, Miss F. M. Bansji, Mrs. Kallabhai Lalookhai, Mrs. Grattan Geary, Mrs. Pestonjee Hormusji, Mrs. Rustamji N. B. Jijibhoy, Mrs. Macmillan, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. Runchordas Tribhovandas, Mrs. Tulsidas L. Mody, Miss Abbott, Mrs. Curseljee J. Wadia, and Miss. B. Tyabjee. The proceedings were opened by H. E. Lady Sandhurst reading the notice calling the meeting, and the revised rules. The following resolution was unanimously passed : Proposed by Mrs. Gostling, seconded by Mrs. D. J. Farakh ; That the revised rules now submitted be adopted and confirmed as the rules of the Bombay Ladies' Branch of the N. I. Association ; also that they be printed for circulation, H. E. Lady Sandhurst then read the following report and account.

REPORT OF THE BOMBAY LADIES' BRANCH NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1898.

The Executive Committee have the honour to lay before the Members of the above Association the report for the year ending December 1893. I. During the year our Association has held four Committee meetings, other business has been done by Circulars. The first Committee meeting took place at Mrs. Strachey's bungalow on January 29th, when Miss Benson occupied the chair. It was resolved that upon useful work could be done by the Ladies' Branch if it again became independent of the general branch as before the amalgamation of 1894. To discuss this resolution a meeting of the General Committee and the Ladies' Sub-Committee met at Government House on February 3rd, Her Excellency Lady Sandhurst presiding; the resolution was carried unanimously and from this date the Ladies Branch became self-existing. II. The Annual General Meeting of the entire Bombay Branch of the National Indian Association took place at Government House on March 3rd. Her Excellency Lady Sandhurst having signified her intention to sever her connection with the general Branch, the following Committee was there and then selected for the Ladies Branch. President, Her Excellency Lady Sandhurst. Vice Presidents, Mrs. Peshey Phipson & Mrs. Candy. Honorary Secretaries, Miss M. Curseljee, and an English lady to be elected hereafter. Lecture Secretary, Mrs. Gostling. Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Budrooddin Tyabjee. Members, Mrs. Grattan Geary, Mrs. Rustam Cama, Mrs. Solomon Sassoon, Mrs. Strachey, Mrs. Ranade, Miss Benson, M.D., Mrs. Jijibhai Penn, Lady Jehangirjee & Mrs. Moolji Barabhaya Honorary Work Guild Secretaries, Mrs. Stanley Smith & Mrs. Farakh. III. The second Committee meeting took place on June 25th again at Mrs. Strachey's bungalow. Mrs. Gostling was requested to organize a series of lectures in connection with the Association. Miss Manockjee Curseljee was requested to suggest to the Director of Public Instruction that the scholarships given by the Ladies branch be altered that native pupils should compete in English instead of in the vernacular and European and Eurasian girls should compete in the vernacular. From the commencement of giving our Scholarships in 1892 up to last year (except in 1895 when no girls entered from the John Connon School) no competitors have come forward. In future should there be no competitors for this scholarship it will be given to scholars from Normal Schools of our Association should such emerge. Normal Schools and there is a great want of trained teachers, there is a somewhat lengthy correspondence between Miss Manockji Curseljee and Mr. R. D. Prior, Educational Inspector, Central Division, the latter arranged that Miss Curseljee should have a conference with Mr. R. V. Ratnagar, and Messrs. Tiki and Madan, who had from the first taken a warm interest in the matter. The result is that the desired alterations in our Scholarships is effected. The Scholarship for the beginning of the current year, with the following reservations :—Two scholarships of Rs. 3 each will be reserved in addition to the Scholarships given in the vernacular ; two of Rs. 6 each will be competed for in the anglo-vernacular standards V. & VI.; and one of Rs. 10 will be continued to Europeans and Eurasians in the vernacular. In the event of failure of candidates for the last Scholarship will be awarded by the Educational Inspector to the scholar he may deem best from the normal schools. The total of our scholarships will thus amount to Rs 336 to which Mr. Prior adds Rs. 24 for prize and sundry expenses, thus bringing the total to Rs. 345. VI. It was resolved, (by circular) that as the gentleman's branch was still in existence, Mr. D. R. Chichgar being its Honorary Treasurer, we should thank him for sending us the memo of the accounts of the Ladies Branch from the amalgamation in 1894 up to March 1898 (as will be seen in the appended account) and also request him to be so kind as to carry on the duties of Honorary Treasurer to us which also, keeping a separate account for us. Mr. Chichgar very kindly acceded to our request. V. The third Committee meeting took place on August 24th at Mrs. Strachey's bungalow. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Chichgar for his willingness to become our Treasurer. It was resolved to request him to invest Rs. 1500 of the balance in our favour of Rs. 2178 in Government or any other security in the joint names of Mrs. Ranade, Miss M. Curseljee and himself, and to lodge the remainder in the Bank of Bombay ; this has been done. VI., The fourth Committee meeting took place at Government house on December 22nd, H. E. Lady Sandhurst presiding. The object of the meeting was to discuss in connection with the revision of the rules, organization of the Parsi Parties, Lectures &c., Mrs. Gostling resigned her post on the Committee as Secretary, owing to her going to live for a year from Bombay. Miss Manning, the Honorary Secretary of the Victoria Jubilee Institute for Indian Associations was present at the meeting and read the following resolution from the Bombay Committee which meets once a month ; "The Committee of the National Indian Association take the opportunity of their Honorary Secretary's second visit to India, to send through her to the several branches working in this country a token of deep interest in their success, of thanks for the co-operation already afforded, and a hope that Miss Manning's visit may be the occasion of renewed efforts leading to extended support and to salvation of the objects of the Association throughout India." Her first proposition was :—To organize a Teachers' Guild for female teachers of schools in Bombay ; in conjunction with this proposition Lady Sandhurst expressed her desire to ask the principal female teachers of schools in Bombay to meet on a day, to be appointed later at Government house, in order to express their views on the subject.

Proposition 2nd :—That a library be formed for female teachers, to assist which the Hon. Secretaries would gladly send books, Proposition 3rd; That a High School be started for Hindu girls, This was unanimously considered to be too large an undertaking for the Ladies' branch. Consequent to her departure from Bombay Mrs. Strachey's resignation was accepted with regret by the Committee and Mrs. Walter-Hughes was elected in her place. VII. Several social afternoon parties were held during the year, at one of which Lady Sandhurst at Government House, Miss Manning was present, Mr. Stanley Smith had four working parties in April ; Mrs Barlow holding similar meetings at her bungalow during July and August these were not so well attended as they might have been. Social afternoon Parties were also given by Mrs Budroodin Tyabji and Mrs Goculdas Tejpal ; at the latter prizes were distributed to the successful pupils of the Goculdas Tejpal Girls' School by Her Excellency Lady Sanhurst and Miss Manning. VIII, As usual the work done by the work guild continues to make our Ladies' Branch proud of its connection with it. On Mrs Dimmock's departure for England Mrs Stanley Smith took up the office of honorary treasurer and secretary and during her absence the work was ably carried on by Mrs Barlow, Mrs Parakh rendering her valuable assistance to all three ladies. IX. Mrs. Childe succeeded Mrs. Dimmock on her departure for England as Co-Secretary with Miss M. Curseljee

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 10.

THE enquiry in the export market during the past week has been a steady though a small one. Shippers have taken cotton more sparingly than the mills; and in Wheat and Seeds a fair business has been doing. Exchange has been somewhat dull in tone, with a tendency in prices to fall away, this evening's quotations, as compared with last Friday's, showing a decline of 1-32d. for Bank and 1-16d. for Private Paper. Money continues in good demand. Government Paper has advanced in price to the extent of 1-8 per cent for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 1-2 per cent for Threes. Freights have been an active market, and a very fair amount of business has been put through both for ready and forward loading. There has been a quiet feeling in the import market.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay Statement of Affairs for the week ending on Saturday last disclosed the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office	Dec.	Rs.	8,25,914
" " " Branches	Inc.	"	51,432
Other "	Dec.	"	3,33,188
Government Securities	Dec.	"	1,38,719
Other authorised "	unchanged		
Loans	Inc.	"	11,93,770
Bills Discounted and Purchased	Dec.	"	1,90,418
Balances with other Banks	Dec.	"	42,362
Cash	Dec.	"	20,20,284

During last week there was, as disclosed by the usual return of the Bank of Bombay issued on Monday, a diminution in the Bank's Cash Balance amounting to 20 1-4 lakhs, and making it stand at some 126 lakhs, as against an increase in the preceding week of 12 1-2 lakhs, at about 146 1-2 lakhs. From Pulic Deposits at the Head Office there were withdrawals to the extent of 8 1-4 lakhs; and at the Branches there was an addition of 1-2 lakh. Private Deposits were 3 1-2 laks less. Government Securities were I 1-4 lakh less. Bills Discounted and Purchased nearly 2 lakhs, and Balances with other Banks about 1-2 lakh.

The Statement of the Affairs of the Bank, as on 4th February 1899:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000
Reserve Funds	70,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	27,30,825
Do. do. at Branches	29,92,013
Other Deposits	3,23,21,572
Post Bills	5,137
Credits undrawn	14,50,959
	Rs.. 5,74,00,516
ASSETS.	Rs.
Government Securities	1,04,55,139
Other authorised Securities	34,79,073
Credits on Government and other authorised Securities	54,64,871
Loans on do. do. do.	1,35,81,259
Bills Discounted and Purchased	1,11,59,031
Dead Stock	4,17,720
Stamps and Stationery	28,525
Balances with other Banks	1,98,692
Cash	1,20,14,205
	Rs..... 5,74,00,516

Meanwhile, money is in good request. The Bank of Bombay rate remains at 7 per cent, and the rate in the open market at 5 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—The market opened quiet in tone last mail day at 1s. 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three months' sight Credits. There was no business of importance reported either way. On Monday rates were quoted at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 7-32d. for three months' sight Credits. A moderate amount of Demand was taken at 1s. 4 3-32d.; and a few Bills were reported at the quotation. The market was steady on Tuesday at 1s 4 3-32d for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s 4 7-32d for three months' sight credits, only a few mercantile Bills were offering, and he enquiry for Bank Paper was very limited. The market continued steady on Wednesday with 1s 4 1-16d quoted for Bank Telegraphic, 1s 4 3-32d for Demand, and 1s 4 1-32d for three months' sight Credits, Rates remained at this level throughout the day, with but little reported either way. Yesterday rates opened with a quiet feeling at 1s 4 1-16d for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s 4 7-32d for three months' sight Credits, with very little business reported. The market was again quiet to-day at 1s 4 1-16d for Telegraphic and Demand, for Bank remittance, and 1s 4 7-32d for three months sight Credits.

There were buyers of 3 months' sight Bills at 1s. 4 3-16d. and a moderate amount of business was reported at the rate. The enquiry for Bank Paper was very limited, and the market closed quiet as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 1-16d.	per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 4 1-16d.	"
Credits 3 months' sight	1s. 4 3-16d.	"
Francs	1-70 1-4	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—At opening on Saturday last there was a quiet feeling in the market with 98 5-16 quoted for money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, 98 7-16 for Account, and 88 for 3 per Cents. Rates were slightly higher on Monday at 98 7-16 and 98 1-2 for Money and Account, respectively, for 3 1-2 per cents, and 88 1-2 for Threes, in a quiet market. On Tuesday the market was quiet but steady at 98 5-16 and 98 1-2 for 3 1-2 per Cents for money and Account, respectively; Threes were nominally unchanged at 88 1-2. Quotations opened the following day at 98 9-16 for cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents and 98 5-8 for the Settlement, and declined in the former position to 98 1-2; Threes advanced to 89. Only a small business was reported yesterday, and quotations after having opened at 98 1-2 and 98 5-8 for Money and Account, respectively, for 3 1-2 per Cents, advanced to 98 5-8 in the former, and 98 11-16 in the latter position. Threes remained at 89. Rates have been steady to-day at 98 13-16 for cash, and 98 7-8 for the settlement, or 3 1-2 per cents, with 89 nominal, for Threes.

SHARES have been quiet, not to say dull in tone throughout the week. Compared with last Friday's this evening's quotations show an advance of Rs. 20, in Manokjee Petit, of Rs. 10, in Queen; of Rs. 2 1-2 in China; and a decline of Rs. 15 of each, in Central India, and James Greaves; Rs. 10 each, in Empress, and Imperial Cotton, of Rs. 15, in David. In Presses, English are Rs. 6 higher, New Indian, Rs. 2 1-2; while Mofussil, are Rs. 15 lower. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay Burmah, have advanced Rs. 10, in the 1st Issue; and Alcock Ashdown, and Port Canning, Rs. 5 each; while Marcks and Co. have declined Rs. 3; Bank of Bombay shares are Rs. 15 higher.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—For "Grey-Goods" there has been a moderate demand, and prices have been generally maintained at their current level. Up-country buyers are taking (it is reported), merely according to their requirements. Dealers are willing sellers. Stocks have begun to increase slowly. In "Bleached-Goods," standard makes of "Nainsookhs" and "Shirtings" are in request without any apparent change in rates. Of "Dyed," "Turkey Red," and "Printed Goods," there has been some enquiry for "Prints"; prices are firm. "Locally-made goods" have been taken to a moderate extent. The clearances of "Imported Goods" from the bazaar during the week have been some 3,300 packages; and of "Local," about 1,300 bales.

YARNS.—A very large bussiness is reported to have taken place, amounting to some 12,000 bale.s. Prices rule in favour of seller. China buyers have operated with a free hand; and the feeling in the market is firm. Official quotations are as follows:—

Twist	No. 6	to	Mule, As.	3	to	3 1-2 per lb.
"	8s	"	"	3 1-8	"	3 5-8 "
"	10s	"	"	3 1-2	"	4 1-16 "
"	12s	"	"	3 5-8	"	4 3-4 "
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"	20s	"	"	4 1-4	"	5 "
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"	30s	"	"	5	"	6 1-2 "
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	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil.	Nil.
West "	Rs. 17 per ton,	Rs. 16 1-2 per ton.
Australian	Nil.	Nil.
Powell's	Rs. 20 1-2 per ton,	Rs. 18 1-4 per ton.
Cardiff	Rs. 20 1-2 "	Rs. 18 1-4 "
Japan	Nil.	Nil.
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Desangur	Rs. 13 "	Rs. 14 1-2 "
Mulé's Navigation	Rs. 14 "	Rs. 13 3-4 "
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EXPORTS.

COTTON.—Shippers have been fair purchasers, but the mills have bought better than they. Prices have been steady and there has been a tendency in some descriptions to advance; forward quotations are given at Rs. 154 1-2 per candy for "Good" Broach, March delivery, Rs. 158 for "Fine" Broach, February-March, and Rs. 135 1-2 for "Good" Bhowsuggur, for March.

As advised by the telegraphic reports to hand on Monday from the cotton growing districts the arrivals of cotton at Broach have been increasing; and at Barsi the crop prospects are much improved. At Hubli all crops were doing well. The weather throughout the area was bright and seasonable; but the dewfall at Dhulia was insufficient.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission viz:—

	Per Candy. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs 127-3 13-16d.
Do. Fully Good Do.	" 119-2 11-16d.
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S. G. Dharwar, Good Do.	" 113-3 1-32d.
Westrn "	" 122-2 31-32d.
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Florida, 2,019 tons, Captain W Chapman, sailed yesterday for Hull, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Turbo, 2,849 tons, Captain J A Moses, will sail to-day for Genoa with a general cargo.

THE City Line steamer City of Edinburgh, 2090 tons, Captain A M Baillie, will sail to-day for Hive p ol via Karachi with a general cargo and Mr Greenwood and 1 deck passenger.

THE Hall Line steamer Haddon Hall, 2,871 tons, Captain W H Hood, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Liverpool 13th January with a general cargo, and 4 dogs. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick Nixon and Co.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ujina, 3,426 tons, Captain G F Withers, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Rangoon, 23rd January with a general cargo, 1 pony and Dr and Mrs Karagut and infant, and 6 deck passengers.

THE Clan Line s s Clan Ross, 1,654 tons, Captain D Dickson arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow 4th January, via Liverpool and Manchester with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Finlay Muir and Co.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain W H Rothwell, will sail to-day for Karachi, after the arrival of the English mail with a general cargo, and Haji M Ebrahim, Mr M D Cashmiri, Miss Forbes and 66 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Sirdhana, 2,074 tons, Captain T E Smith, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, 11th January via Coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr McEobran, Mr Sutherland, Mr Cook, Mr N Pestonjee Naricwala, and 5 deck.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Honzada, 1,360 tons, Captain J C Stanfield will sail to-day for Calcutta and Coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lieut G S Stooke, Mr M La Roche, The Governor of French India, Mrs Rouiller, Lieut Berglowe, Rev P H Parkinson, Mr Sorabjee Hormusji Wadia and 50 deck.

THE German East Africa Line s s Setos, 1,162 tons Capsela F Jacobs, arrived in harbour yesterday from Zanzibar via Mombasa with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Toepplin, Mr and Mrs Miles, Mr and Mrs Lobo and 2 children, Mrs A M Nunes, Mr Ali Khan, Mr T M Fraser, Mr J M Fernandes, and 155 deck. The vessel is consigned to Mr F Heyar.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
10	Sirdhana s	Smith	Calcutta, Jan 11
	Hadden Hall	Hood	Liverpool, Jan 13
	Ujina	Withers	Rangoon, Jan 23
	Clan Ross	Dickson	Glasgow, Jan 4
	Setos s	Jacobs	Mombasa, Jan 29

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
10	H M S Aeneas	Coates	Karachi
	Johannesberger	Moller	Hamburg
	Florida s	Chapman	Hull
	Nubia Transport	Heaning	Southampton

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday—
Steamer City of Etinburgh, Baillie, for Liverpool.
" Turbo, Moses, for Genoa.
" Dumra, Rothwell, for Karachi.
" Henzada, Stafford, for Calcutta, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Active, for Marseilles.
" Khanitalia, for Persian Gulf.
" Sirdhana, for Zanzibar, &c.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.
Bombay, 10th February, 1899.

1. The drill for the members of the Bandora detachment, on Monday the 13th inst., will be on the Varsova Sands, not at Santa Cruz.
2. There will be drill for Recruits at the Town Hall on Wednesday next the 15th instant, from 5-30 p.m.

T. W. CUFFE, Capt.,
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BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR G. W. ROUGHTON, A.D.C., COMMANDING B. V. A.
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1. The following members having joined have been taken on the strength of the Corps with effect from the 8th instant and posted to Sub-division as follows—No. 640 Gunner R T Hearn No. 4 Sub-division No. 1 Company, No. 639 Gunner S H Elliot, No. 2 sub-division No. 1 Company, and No. 511 Gunner W W Weatherall No. 3 Sub-division No. 1 Company.
2. No. 1 Company Gatacre Cup—Drill Town Hall Compound, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Capt., R. A.
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BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR E. F. NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.
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1. There will be no Commanding Officer's parade this afternoon.
2. The Prospectus of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery Carbine Association has been received and may be seen at Head-quarters.
3. Marcus Ly and Vt are open to all Efficient Volunteers and will be fired for at Colaba on the 18th instant.
4. Leave of absence has been granted to Cr-Sergt. J E Keess, A Company from 8th February to 31st March 1899.

By Order,
C. MOSS, Captain,
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DISTRICT ORDERS.

BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. VENTRIS
COMMANDING BOMBAY DISTRICT,
Bombay, Saturday, 11th February 1899.

The Roman Catholic Chaplain of Kirkee is authorized to visit the Ksadalla Sanitarium for the purpose of holding Divine Service for troops at the Sanitarium, on the 14th, 21st and 28th February 1899.
The c is a sufficient number of Roman Catholics at the Sanitarium to warrant the visit of a Priest.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BANDORA.

DEATH.

PHILLIPS—February 6, at Chapel Road, Bandora, William Frank, dearly loved youngest son of Frank M Phillips, of Loco Dept, B B and C I Ry, aged 9 years, 1 month and 16 days (of tetanus). Deeply mourned by his sorrowing parents.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

CORLETT—January 29, at Carmodale, Ormes Road, Kilpauk, Madras, Gertrude Marie Julia, the beloved wife of Ewan Forge Corlett, aged 22 years and 10 months.
SCOTT—January 29, at Patiala State, of phthisis, Reverend Charles Gordon Scott, M D, first Missionary to Patiala of the American Reformed Presbyterian Church.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1899.

THE Chapekar family has the unenviable distinction of producing three brothers of remarkable homicidal proclivities. That characteristic is accompanied by an equally remarkable desire to proclaim their guilt when in the hands of justice, and to implicate their nearest relatives, or in their default their immediate associates, and involve them in the penalty attached to murder. Damodher Hari Chapekar had no hesitation in naming his brother, Balkrishna, as the assassin of Lieutenant Ayerst. Balkrishna, who is now in custody, has as little scruple in affirming that Damodher was in the conspiracy and others also. A third brother, having attempted to shoot the Superintendent of the Detective Police in the Farashkhana, in the presence of a dozen policemen, is no sooner arrested than he avows that it was he who shot the two Dravids on the previous evening, and that he had accomplices whose names he proceeded to give with engaging frankness. A certain vein of fanaticism, combined with a craving for blood-spilling, seems common to all three; and a cynical readiness to own their crime and involve their brother or friend in the doom they prepared for themselves. The shooting of the Dravids by the third brother was carried out with the same deliberation and pitiless craft shown by Damodher and Balkrishna when waylaying and slaying their unsuspecting victims, returning from the banquet at Ganesh Khind on Jubilee night. Two men with their faces half-hidden went to the house in which the Dravids lived, and told them that Mr. Brewin wanted to speak with them outside. They went into the street and were immediately shot from behind, the barrel of a revolver, loaded with small shot, being held close to their backs. One of the wounded men called out to the third brother, Nilkant, "that the assassins had gone towards Chapekar's house, close by." Nilkant ran in that direction, but saw no one. Both the wounded men died next day. The elder Dravid, who had given the clue by which the police brought the crime of the Jubilee night home to Damodher and his brother, Ramkrishna, had the amazing indiscretion to focus attention on himself by a letter to the papers claiming the second half of the reward offered by Government for the detection and conviction of the murderers of Rand and Ayerst. He and his brother had been paid Rs. 10,000—less income-tax, as he bitterly complained—for the conviction of Damodher. Now that Balkrishna was arrested, he argued, he was entitled "to claim all the ducats offered by Government." He appealed to the inherent sense of justice of the British people not to allow an injustice to be done to him, giving as a reason that "it required special strength of character to come forward to denounce a countryman"—and a fellow Brahman—"and thus lay himself open to the charge of being a traitor—the majority of people were sure to view the matter in this light—and yet I braved all this, and did what little I could to help the authorities. And that I should be deprived of the full benefit of the Government Proclamation, seems more than unjust and cruel." That indiscreet and audacious letter was published on February 2nd; on the night of the 8th he and his brother were asked to step out into the dark street to further speak to Mr. Brewin, and the question of a reward for the information given was closed for ever. It seems incredible that a man so circumstanced, living in Poona within a stone's throw of the Chapekars' house, should have drawn attention to the fact that he, a Brahman, had handed up two Brahmans to justice. His life and that of his brother were the penalty of fatuous effrontery.

The spirit of revenge sufficiently accounts for the shooting of the Dravids by Wasudev Hari Chapekar, who now avows that he and two accomplices committed the crime. The same motive appears to have actuated two attempts to murder the Chief Constable, Ramjee Pandoo, who was instrumental in procuring evidence to corroborate Damodher's confession of the murders on Jubilee night. The reckless audacity which took him to the Head Police Office with a loaded revolver under his dress, shows that fanaticism and the desire to kill can overcome and efface every dictate of prudence and regard for personal safety. The intention was manifestly to shoot Pandoo or possibly someone more prominent in the Farashkhana. Brought to the Head Office by an invitation to himself and other members of the famous Athletic Club to come and give an account of their movements on the night of the Dravid murders, Wasudev's muffled hand attracted attention. Asked what was the matter with it, he replied that he had slightly hurt it. Pandoo suspecting his intention, exclaimed: "The Chapekars are all budmashes!" The retort was a bullet from the revolver, that missed the Head Constable's body by an inch. Knocked down and over-powered, Wasudev boasted that he had at all events killed the Dravids and that Ranade and another had helped him to do so. Ranade was already under detention on suspicion, and he admitted that he took part in that deed. He showed Mr. Kennedy, chief of the Poona police, where he had secreted the revolver used on the occasion. The police deserve credit for the promptitude with which the latest of the Poona murders have been brought home to the guilty. Seeing that private vengeance was obviously the moving influence in those recent murders, there is no reason to assume that they indicate a recrudescence of lawless feeling in Poona. There is no evidence to support that theory, obvious and convenient as it is, lying ready to the hand when the facts are still obscure. Now we know that Brahmans can kill or compass the death of Brahmans, not only without remorse, but with an evident sense of enjoyment and satisfaction when avarice or revenge prompts that inexpiable crime—a crime equal in horror to the aggregated iniquity of killing a hundred cows. Ten million years in boiling ordure in the bottomless depths of the lowest pit, are calmly faced when it is a question of making an end of a neighbour who is also an enemy. There is nothing political in such exacerbations of hate, impelling to murder. They are more nearly allied to brooding fanaticism of the kind which in Europe produces the arsenic and the incendiary.

BLACKIE'S Victorian Era Series sets forth in popular form the great movements and developments of the age in politics, economics, religion, industry, literature science and art, and describes the life-work of the typical men of our era. Leading specialists have contributed the volumes which form the series. "Provident Societies and Industrial welfare," by E. W. Brabrook is one that has lately appeared giving much information in regard to Trade-unions, Friendly and Building societies, Savings-banks, Burial Societies, Old-Age Pensions, Co-operative Societies of every sort. The facts are clearly put before the reader, without prejudice to trade unionism on the one hand, or on the other to employers of labour who natur

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

FRENCH CLAIMS IN THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Brodrick said that discussions were proceeding to settle the delimitation of the French and Anglo-Egyptian spheres in the province of Bahr-el-Ghazal.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

The version communicated yesterday of the Committee's report on the charge brought by M. de Beaurepaire is confirmed. Nevertheless, the French Government insists upon passing the Bill to refer the Dreyfus case to the united sections of the Court of Cassation.

RITUALISTIC PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH.

An amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's Speech moved by Mr. Samuel Smith, member for Flintshire, demanding legislation to secure the obedience of Ritualists to the law, was rejected in the Commons, last night, by 221 votes against 89.

Mr. Balfour admitted certain excesses in the Church, but urged the House to leave the matter in the hands of the Bishops until their impotence was proved.

In the course of a debate in the House of Lords on Ritualistic practices in the Church, the Archbishop of Canterbury said he believed the Bishops were perfectly capable of dealing with the difficulty, and he was convinced by careful enquiry that the most advanced Ritualists were free from Romanizing tendencies.

THE OUTBREAK IN THE PHILIPPINES.

FILIPINOS RECONCENTRATE.

FEB. 9.

Latest reports state that Manila is quiet, but the Filipinos are reconcentrating their forces between Caloocan and Malabon.

The total American casualties hitherto number 268.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, FEB. 9.

The Bombay mails of the 28th ultimo arrived at Brindisi, yesterday.

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BANK NOTES BILL.

FINGER-PRINT IMPRESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 10.

In presenting the report of the Select Committee on the Inland Steam Vessels Act, at to-day's Council meeting, Sir James Westland explained that, while it was proposed to make the certificates given in one province run also throughout India in the case of officers, it was not intended to extend this reciprocity to the case of surveys of vessels, since a vessel suitable for Navigation under conditions existing in one province might be unsuited to the conditions obtaining in another province.

Regarding the Forgery of Bank-Notes Bill, which was referred to a Select Committee, Sir James explained that the measure did little more than extend to India the procedure laid down in the English Statute Book for dealing with similar crime at home.

The Indian Evidence Act was then passed on the motion of the Hon'ble Mr Chalmers, who explained that its object was to give the Courts powers to treat-finger print impressions like signatures.

In this connection he paid a high compliment to the laborious ingenuity of Mr. Henry, whose classification had enabled this valuable method to be applied to identifying persons as well as to establishing authenticity of documents.

Mr. Toynbee feared that a failure of justice might possibly arise from failure of the bill to specifically include thumb impressions as well as finger impressions.

Mr. Chalmers, however, explained that the word "fingers" also included the thumb, and the Viceroy concurring in this opinion, the measure was passed unanimously.

The glanders and Farcy Bill and the Carriers Bill was then referred to a Select Committee, and the Council separated to re-assemble next Friday.

COURT MOURNING.

Three days' court mourning is notified on account of the death of the Princess of Bulgaria.

THE COUNT OF TURIN.

The Count of Turin, accompanied by Prince Teano, Count Carpanetto, and Sir Benjamin Simpson, leave to-night on a shooting trip in Upper Bengal.

ALARMING FIRE ON A RAILWAY TRAIN.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SIR GEORGE LUCK.

LUCKNOW, FEB. 10.

Sir George Luck and the A.-D.-C., travelling from Aligarh to Bareilly, in the small hours yesterday morning, awoke to find the next carriage to theirs on fire, and they had to beat a hasty retreat. When the train stopped at Asafpur, the carriage became a total wreck, and the incident caused 1 1-2 hour's delay. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

LUCKNOW RACES.

THIRD DAY.

ALUM BAGH STAKES.—Five furlongs.

Revialia	1
Cuba	2
Enamel	3

Six ran: Time—1min. 5secs.

MOHOMED BAGH STAKES.—Half mile:

Fresco and Blenheim	dead heat.
Peacemaker	3

Owners divided.

Time—55 min. 1 1-5 secs.

Five ran.

LUCKNOW STAKES.—Half-mile.

Not Yet	1
Queensland	2
Flodden Field	3
Lady Yetman	4

Eight ran: Time—53 3-5 secs.

MARTINIERE PLATE.—Half-mile.

Mabie Salley	1
Simon de Montfort	2
Blackbess	3
Lindon	4

Nine ran. Time—54 4-5secs.

CLUB STAKES.—Six furlongs.

Cherry	1
Alan	2
Camlin	3

Five ran: Time—1min. 16 4-5 secs.

PATIALA CUP.—One mile.

Bantoum Arab	1
Commissioner	2
Nabob	3

Four ran. Time—1min. 54secs.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, FEB. 9.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Forbes arrived here this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Mombasa left here this evening.

SINGAPORE, FEB. 10.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Mazagon (extra) left here this morning and may be expected to arrive in Bombay, on the 20th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s. s. Indus left Colombo, for Bombay, on Friday the 10th instant, at noon and is expected here on Monday the 13th inst., at 6 a.m.

COLOMBO, FEB. 10.

French Mail steamer Australien, from Australia arrived.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 9.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet.

Good Bhowsuggur 2 25-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols	111 1-8
3 per cent. Reduced	103
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	116 1-2
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	65 7-8
Bar Silver	27 1-3

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending 8th instant show the following results:—Total Bullion £33,470,000; Increase £400,000: Public Deposits £11,360,000; Increase £300,000; Other Deposits £40,3 0,000; Decrease £6,00,000. Other Securities £21,7 0,000; Increase £500,000; Notes and Gold £32,7 0,000; Increase £700,000. The Bank's Reserve is 45 per cent. of the liabilities.

ANOTHER ATTEMPTED MURDER AT POONA.

YOUNG CHAPEKAR FIRES AT THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MR. BREWIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 10.

Yesterday evening, at 6-30, in the Farashkhana, Mr. Brewin, Mr. Guider, Inspector Meere and Chief Constable Ramjee Pandoo were sitting enquiring about the Dravid murder, when Wasudev, youngest brother of Chapekar, who had concealed a revolver in his hand, came there.

He saluted Mr. Brewin, who asked him: "What is the matter with your hand?"

He replied: "I have slightly injured it. Meantime" Mr. Ramjee Pandoo said; "The Chapekars are all rascals." Whereupon Wasudeo took up the revolver and fired at the Chief Constable before all present. Fortunately the shot missed. Mr. Brewin knocked Chapekar down and snatched the revolver, which was a six-chambered one, out of his hand.

Another of his friends has been arrested being supposed to be concerned in the murder of the Dravids.

Great excitement prevails in the city.

WASSUDEV CHAPEKAR ADMITS THE DRAVID MURDERS.

SEIZURE OF REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION.

Another account says:—The inquest on Ramchander Dravid was held this morning. The police were about all day yesterday pursuing their search for the prepetrators of the murder of the brothers Dravid, as it seemed likely that the crime was the work of the members of that club of which Ganesh Dravid had informed the police and which was founded by Damodher Hari Chapekar Accordingly, the police sent for some well-known members of the club, who were brought to the Farashkhana for examination as to their whereabouts when the murders were committed. Amongst others Wasudev Hari Chapekar, brother of Damodher Hari Chapekar, hanged for the murder of Messrs. Rand and Ayerst, a young Brahmin, named Ranade, and another, named Govind Londe, were detained. These waited till evening at the Farashkhana, whilst the police were anxiously pursuing their investigations outside. Towards evening the European and other police officers interrogated the young men who had been collected.

Mr. Brewin was seated talking to Wasudev Chapekar as to his movements, when the latter suddenly drew a revolver, and before anyone could realise what he was about, he fired at Mr. Ramjee Pandoo, the Chief Constable, who was a few yards off. The shot missed Ramjee by an inch or two, almost by a miracle. Mr. Ramjee had produced much evidence against his brother Damodher. Mr. Brewin, who was seated a few feet off, sprang at Wasudev and bore him to the ground by his weight. The police went to his assistance and the pistol was secured. The weapon proved to be a six-chambered revolver, of Colt's manufacture. Wasudev was searched, a bag was found suspended across his shoulders, containing bullets, a dagger, powder, shot and percussion caps.

At the time of the struggle for the revolver Mr. Michael Kennedy, D. S. P., and Mr. Guider, Assistant Superintendent, came to the Farashkhana. The former made further enquiries, when it is said Wasudev distinctly boasted that it was he who killed the Dravids. Further questioned as to his accomplices, he is reported to have named the Brahmin Ranade, who was already detained at the Farashkhana on suspicion. When confronted with Wasudeo, he admitted he was there and assisted him when he shot the Dravids. Ranade later offered to point out where he had secreted the pistol with which the deed was done. Mr. Kennedy accompanied Ranade to a house where, hidden away, was found a bag similar to that upon Wasudev, containing a single barrel pistol, loaded and capped, bullets, and a dagger. Ranade was taken back to the Farashkhana and locked up with Wasudev and others.

Only a few days ago, as stated in our yesterday's telegrams another attempt was made to shoot Mr. Ramjee Pandoo, who is an officer that collected a considerable amount of evidence for the prosecution in the case against Damodher Chapekar. It was believed at the time of this first shooting, and the belief is now confirmed, that the attempt was made with the object of removing an important witness for the prosecution in the case against Balkrishna Chapekar, which was to have been opened yesterday.

The details connected with this former attempt on the Chief Constable's life were:—The man was going home when he heard a report near by and simultaneously felt himself struck by something which knocked off his topee. He was considerably surprised, but as he suffered no pain from the blow and saw no assailant, he picked up his topee again and proceeded on his way. Presently he met a man coming in the opposite direction who told him that his clothes were on fire. This he found to be true. He had been shot at from behind and the wad or something had fired his clothing. The bullet had only inflicted a superficial wound on his back.

ADMISSION OF GUILT BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

LATER.

It is reported that both Wasudev and his accomplice, Ranade, have made a statement amounting to a confession, and that they have been taken to the house of Mr. Carvalho, the City Magistrate, who is unwell, to have those confessions recorded.

Both persons admit their guilt in the instance of the Dravid brothers. They likewise admit complicity in the Jubilee murders.

It is currently reported that Wasudev asserted that rather than give evidence which might incriminate his brother he resolved to share Balkrishna's fate as soon as the latter was arrested and that Ranade resolved to throw in his lot with him. They resolved to kill the Dravids and also Ramjee Pandoo.

It appears that an attempt was made last Friday night on the life of Ramjee Pandoo but failed owing to the bullet having fallen out of the pistol, so that Ramjee was really hit by the wad, which caused a flesh wound.

It is also stated that Wasudev had carried a pistol about with him for some time past. He avers that if no opportunity had presented itself before, he would have shot Dravid in open court.

All through yesterday the police were making search in Sadashiv Peth, looking for weapons. At the same time a number of members of the club of which Chapekar was the prime mover, were brought to the Farashkhana, with a view to their being interrogated by the police as to where they were on the night of Wednesday last. The young men were brought to the Farashkhana and detained there, including Wasudev and Ranade and another young man, also Brahmin, named Govinde Londe. Against the latter there was not much evidence, as he was simply frequenting his house.

About five, yesterday evening, the police officers went to the Farashkhana in order to see if they could elicit anything from the young men. Mr. Brewin called Wasudev. One of the police officers was seated on a chair, and Mr. Brewin standing a few feet away. (Wasudev) was, asked where he was on Wednesday night, when all of a sudden, before everybody, Wasudeo suddenly produced a pistol and fired at Ramjee, who was standing a few yards away from the police officer. How the shot missed appears to be a mystery, but it passed within an inch of him. Wasudeo was overpowered by Mr. Brewin, and the revolver was secured. Upon being searched it was found that he had a bag fastened accross his shoulder containing a dagger, bullets, some powder, shots, and percussion caps. The revolver which was a six-chambered one was loaded.

During this exciting time, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Guider came to the Farashkhana and further examined him. He was closely questioned as to who the persons were who assisted him. He gave the name of Ranade, who admitted he was with Wasudev and assisted him in killing the Dravids. Wasudev further offered to point out where he had secreted the pistol, and was taken by Mr. Kennedy to the house where he had secreted the pistol. He pointed out to a place behind a lot of old books where a bag similar to Wasudev's was found. It contained a single barrel pistol, which was loaded and capped, and in addition there were bullets, caps, slugs and a dagger. Ranade was taken to the Farashkhana back this afternoon.

The prisoners were taken to Mr. Carvalho's bungalow, where they made a confession. It is believed they have made a clean breast of the whole affair. Both Wasudev and Ranade have, however, admitted their guilt; admitting also that they were implicated in the Jubalee murders. Wassudev, it is said, was fully resolved to share the fate of his two brothers rather than give evidence against his brother, Balkrishna. Both had resolved to kill the Dravids and Ramjee Pandoo.

IMPORTANT REVELATIONS IN SIGHT.

It is expected that the arrest of the three men, Wassudev Hari Chapekar, Ranade and Londe will throw an important light on the circumstances attending the tragedy at Ganesh Khind on the 22nd June 1897. It is understood that Balkrishna Hari Chapekar in his statement, differing in various details from that of his brother Damodher, admits that several persons were concerned in that crime. The natives in Poona generally believe that it was Wasudeo's intention when he went armed to the Farashkhana, to shoot Mr. Brewin, but that he was diverted from that purpose by the injurious exclamation of the Head Constable who had been very active and successful in procuring evidence against Damodher, and recently, as to the share of Balkrishna in the Ganesh Khind murders.

Another account states that Wassudev attempted to fire the revolver at Mr. Brewin who knocked the weapon aside the ball just escaping the Chief Constable, who was standing at a little distance. This is the version of what occurred that gains most credence amongst Europeans as well as Natives. Ranade has long been suspected of complicity in the Ganesh Khind murder, and has been constantly under surveilance.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

Under instructions from Army Head-quarters in India, Surgeon-General Price, Army Medical Staff, assumed charge of the office of Principal Medical Officer, Bombay Command, on the 8th February.

On the departure of the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment from Quetta, Second Lieutenant Lord, Unattached List, at present attached to that Battalion, will be attached to 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment to complete his year's duty with a British Regiment.

On the departure of the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry from Poona, Second Lieutenant Burke, Unattached List, at present attached to that Battalion will be S. C. 4th Squadron Commander, 4th Bombay Cavalry for one year. The undermentioned officer has been permitttted by Her Magistrate's Secretary of State for India to return to duty:—Major Fowle. R. A., Ordnance Department.

With reference to clause 87, India, Army Circulars 1898, it is notified for general information that the Government of India have decided that an officer proceeding to Burma to present himself at the preliminary examination in the Chinese language should be treated in the same way as an officer going to the presidency to study one of the native languages; that is, he should be dealt with as if on language leave, receiving only half the Staff pay, unless he is granted privilege leave, in which case he should receive privilege allowances; further, that from the date of his passing to that of embarkation for Pekin, he should be treated as if on duty.

It is notified for information that the Mymensingh-Singhjani extension, Dacca section, of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, is open for the conveyance of troops. It will be a cheaper route than the old one, by Mymensing-Gumalpurr road. It affords through communication from Narayenganj to Sengjani and the encamping Ground in Sujapur and Jamalpur can be utilised as halting places for troops, if so desired.

The undermentioned officer is permitted to proceed to Pekin to study the Chinese Language, under the India Army Circulars, Clause 87, the specified period to count from 28th August:—Captain Ducat, S. C., 4th Squadron Commander, 4th Bombay Cavalry, for one year.

The undermentioned officer has been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty:—Major Fowle R A (Ordnance Department)

The undermentioned officer is granted have to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty:—Lieutenant Trevor, S. C., Deputy Assistant Commissary-General, 2nd Class for one year (pension service ninth year commenced 29th October).

The undermentioned officer has been granted leave by the Secretary of State for India to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, (In supercession of the privilege leave), under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India:—Major Forbes. 2nd-in-Command, 4th Bombay Cavalry for 5 months (pension service twenty-second year commenced 11th September.)

The undermentioned officers and warrant officer have leave of absence:—Royal Artillery—Lieutenant Smith, C. Battery, R.H.A., 6 months, on private affairs, out of India.

Bombay Army Medical Corps—Captain Collins, 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India.

Military Works Department—Conductor Clarke, 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India.

Extension.—20th Hussars—Captain Jones, from 31st January to 12th April, on medical certificate, granted by the War Office. 8th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Fellows, 4 months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretay of State for India.

THE RECENT DACOITY AT JUNNAR.

TWENTY-ONE PERSONS ARRESTED.

The police have succeeded in arresting 21 persons connected with the recent dacoits in the village of Junnar. They have also recovered the whole of the stolen property.

Yet another dacoity is reported to have taken place, this time in Sirur. It is said that in this case several thousand rupees worth property has been carried away.

PROVISIONAL PROHIBITION OF IMMIGRATION INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

CALCUTTA, FEB. 11.

The following telegram, dated 31st ultimo, from the British Consul at Mozambique, appears in the *Gazette*:—"Decree published to-day prohibits provisionally immigration into Mozambique province of all natives of India."

ADJUTANCY APPOINTMENTS.

It has been decided that the Commander-in-Chief in India shall make the appointments to Adjutancies of British Regiments and Battalions in this country. This is a sequel of change introduced by the Queen's Regulations of 1898, whereby these appointments at Home are left to the General Officers Commanding, instead of being made by the Commander-in-Chief at the War Office.

THE EDWARDESABAD DISTURBANCE.

BLOWING UP OF THE WALLS OF GOOMATTI.

NO CASUALTIES.

The Edwardesabad Garrison, under Colonel Balten, has successfully blown up the walls of Goomatti, which they found deserted by the outlaws, the force making its way back without any casualty.

CALCUTTA MAGISTRACY.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce have addressed Government urging the appointment of a Third Stipendiary Magistrate for Calcutta; also advising that the pay of the Chief Presidency Magistrate should be raised to Rs. 200 monthly, that of the second to Rs. 1,500 and third Rs. 1,000 to attract good men. They complain that at present the Court is undermanned and important cases have to be relegated to Honorary Magistrates, who have not always the necessary technical legal knowledge for dealing with them efficiently. They argue that if the work can be found in both Madras and Bombay for four paid Magistrates, it is clear that the needs of Calcutta warrant more than two which is all it now has.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATION.

Finance Department:—Mr. O'Brien, to be Inspector-general of Railway Mail Service, Mr Doran to be First Assistant Director General of Post Office; Mr. Cockell Second Assistant; and Mr. Bennet, Third Assistant. Mr Bennett, however to officiate temporarily as First Assistant Director-general. Mr Sheridan as second; and Mr Knox-Homan as third.

Military Department.—Second Lieutenant Fellows, 4th Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, is admitted to the Staff Corps.

Lieutenant C. R. Bakhe and K. V. Kukday, Bombay Medical Establishment are promoted Captains from the 29th ultimo.

Major Nicholson, to command Bombay Volunteer Rifle Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel vice Lieutenant-Colonel Brown, transferred to the Supernumerary List.

Volunteer Long Service Medal is conferred in the oG. I. P. Railway Volunteers upon Quarter-Master Sergeant Rosemeyer and Corporals Streeter and Wiemer; In the Bombay Volunteer Rifles upon Lieutenant Sharp, Color-Sergeant Black, Sergeants, Mackinnon and Gordon, and Corporal Lynn. In the 1st Bombay, Baroda Railway Volunteers upon Color-Sergeant Lovejoy, Sergeant D'Mellow, Lance.-Sergeant Garthwaite, and Corporal Lapersanne. In the 2nd Bombay, Baroda Railway Volunteers upon Colonel Sergeant Bwye, Sergeants Stone Le Feuvre and Timothy; Corporals Dengo and Wright; Lance-corporals De Souza and Cooke; and upon Volunteer Copley; also in the Poona Volunteer Rifles upon Honorary Lieutenant McDonnell, Colonel Sergeant Mahood Sergeant Showell and Volunteer Gomes.

Lieutenant Craster, R B Bombay Sappers is appointed to Military Works.

Foreign Department.—Lieutenant Colonel Dane, Agency Surgeon, Bhopal, eight months, furlough.

The provisional appointment of Mr. Claudio Boggiano as Italian Consul at Bombay is recognised; So is the appointment of Mr. Bleeck to act for Heer Von Waldhamen, German Consul General. Mr Bleek will reside at Calcutta.

Home Department;—Mr. E. Danks, I. C. S., is posted to the Central Provinces. Lieutenant-Colonel Newnham-Smith, Cantonment Magistrate, Poona one year, and seven months' furlough from 1st March. Lieutenant Lillie, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, has been appointed Staff Officer, Colaba Depot, vice Lieutenant Christie, reverted to Regimental duty.

Major-General Burnett is posted to Poona.

NEW WARRANT OF PRECEDENCE.

The New Warrant of precedence for India, being approved by Queen, appears in "Gazette," along with a long supplementary list for Uncovenanted officers. The whole forms an exhaustive catologue, the portions applying to higher officers by itself comprising five classes, subdivided into seventy-eight sections, most of which contain several appointments. The classification applies solely to officials amongst whom notification states non-officials are to continue to take place according to usage.

DEATH OF RAO SAHEB HARILAL.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

AHMEDABAD, FEB. 10.

Rao Saheb Harilal Ambashankar, father of your townsman Chimanlal Setalvad, died last night at the age of seventy-seven. Deceased was very influential and universally respected throughout Gujrat, and his loss is much deplored.

THE S. S. CHINA.

LEFT PERIM FOR ENGLAND.

THE P. and O. Company, yesterday, received a telegram from their Agent at Aden to the effect that the s. s. China, having been made sufficiently seaworthy, left Perim on Thursday afternoon for England.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Shannon, Captain F. Cole, will sail to-day, for London, Marseilles and Brindisi, with English mails, and following passengers:—

FOR LONDON.

Barlow Mrs Robert and children
Brown Miss
Coulson Mrs and Miss
Cargill Miss
Colquhoun Mr
Cobbold Mr
Coulsen Mrs
Coulsen Miss
Dawson Miss H M
Dawson Miss Royal
Fraser Mrs H, child and nurse
Guthrie Mr J B
Gibbs Mr
Green Mr and Mrs G
Hesketh-Biggs Mrs A F 2 children and infant.
Hood Mr W E G
Lubbock Lieut M H R N
Lapsley Mr G S and child
Lloyd Mr A
Lyall Mr W J
Mull Mr A
Mahomed Bux
Medlo and Miss
Meinnes Mr
Main Mrs W and infan
Nicol Mr D
Roe Mrs E E P
Robinson Mr
Singh Mr Khazan
Savory Miss I
Smith Mr Alfred
Sandra Rev E T
Sandys Miss and child
Smith Mr J W
Smith Mrs
Thornton Mr E Labough re and infant
Turner Mr W B
Turner's Mrs nurse
Thomas Capt A
Vose Mr H J

FOR MARSEILLES.

Aitken Mr and Mrs
Bankier Mr W A
Bankier Mrs
Coulter Major V A
Dalal Mr J M
Fraser Mr T
Goff Mr and Mrs R
Goff Lady Cecilia
Gale Mr A
Ireland Mr
Johnson Mr A S
Kaye Capt J L
Kaye Mrs
Leech Sir Bevoin
Leech Lady Boschia
Morrison Mr M
MacWhirter Mr W
Morgan Major J W A
Macfarlane Mr J
Peirce Mr De
Peters Mr and Mrs
Reid Bombardier
Storey Mr G
Scott Mr G
Steele Mrs
Simmons Mr T

FOR BAINDSI.

Anderson Capt Lar
Anderson Mrs valet and mail
Kochel Mr Oscar
Mulsen Mr J A

FOR ADEN—Hanley Mr H M

THE STRANDING OF THE S. S. MOBILE

DECISION OF THE MARINE COURT.

MR. J. SANDERS SLATER, President of the Marine Court of Inquiry appointed by Government to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances that led to the stranding and the subsequent loss of the s.s Mobile, near Baskin Harbour, in the middle of December last, delivered judgment yesterday afternoon at the Esplanade Police Court. Captain K. Macaulay and F. E. Hardcastle, members, and Captain Langbourn, of the s. s. Egypt, and Captain Vybart, of the s. s. Peshwar, assessors, were also present. Mr Bowen, solicitor, appeared on behalf of Government; Mr. Noble, solicitor for Captain Miller, master of the vessel, and Mr. Dunlop, solicitor for the owners of the ship.

After recapitulating the evidence adduced at the inquiry and the circumstances which led to the framing of charges against Captain-Miller and Mr. Lyle the chief officer the Court was of opinion that the chief officer, was to blame for not having verified the course set by the captain, for not having satisfied himself as to the position of the vessel when she stranded on the evening of the 9th December, and for not pointing out the risk involved in allowing the ship to drift. The Court did not attach blame to Mr. Lyle for turning in at 8-30 p.m., which seemed to afford very satisfactory evidence of his belief in the safety of the ship while drifting. The Court, however, must remark that Captain Miller did not invite assistance from his officers, and, therefore, it did not appear that the neglect on Mr. Hyle's part to volunteer his opinion contributed to the casualty. Mr. Lyle's certificate was therefore returned. But at the same time the Court felt itself bound to reprimand him for the slackness he had displayed. The Court regretted that it was bound to deal more seriously with Captain Miller. His disregard of the warning given to him by the British Consul at Suakin, and his reckless navigation at night, resulted in the total loss of the vessel under his command. But the Court believed that he and those working under him did all that could be done to save the ship after she had gone ashore, and that they stood by the vessel as long as any advantage was to be gained by doing so. The Court considered it necessary to suspend Captain Miller's certificate for six months from this date, and recommended that during that period a chief mates certificate be granted to him. The Court thought it proper to add that upon the evidence given in the inquiry it appeared that the allegation that Captain Miller was in a state of intoxication when leaving Suakin was entirely unsubstantiated.

MILITARY NEWS.

SURGEON-GENERAL TAYLOR, C. B., is expected to arrive early in March to take up his appointment of Principal Medical Officer with Her Majesty's Forces in India.

Major Douglas of the Cameronians is about to retire from the service on pension.

Lieutenant-Colonel Palmer, Indian Medical Service, is about to be relieved of his appointment as Principal Medical Officer, with the Tochi force, on account of ill health.

The following officers of the Royal Engineers come out for a tour of servic in this country:—Majors, H H. Barnet and A M. Stuart, and Lieutenant Osborne.

The following order published by Major General Nicolson, C. B., Commanding the Mhow District, on the recent fire at that station, will be of interest:—"The General Officer Commanding wishes to convey to the troops in garrison his thanks for the excellent work done by them during the last few days in endeavouring to extinguish the recent fire in the Commissariat stack yard. The promptitude with which Officers and men of the Royal Irish Regiment turned out on the first alarm undoubtly saved the remainder of the stacks at the time, and the zeal evinced and arduon work done by all the troops in garrison on that and subsequent days has been fully appreciated by the General Officer Commanding, and he will have much pleasure in bringing the same to the notice of the Lieutenant General Commanding, Bombay Command."

COLD WEATHER TROOP MOVEMENTS.

A correspondent writes:—Now that the idea of marching troops about the country during the cold weather has been seriously contemplated, it is to be hoped that all unless wandering about will be avoided, and that each unit so detached, no matter what its strength, will have some definite object in view and some defined duty to perform; a general idea to work on, and a special idea to carry out. This is essential to make the outing prove beneficial to the mind as well as to the body.

Wherever possible the three arms should move in conjunction. The scheme in that case should supply ample scope, in the first instance, for the true and distinct performance of the role of each, and conclude with the combined effort of the three. The schemes might emanate from Command Head-Quarters and be kept strictly confidential until the hour of movement. Mobilization practised for a move other than in the direction of the N.-W. Frontier. Hasty concentration of troops to spots distant from the line of rail. In face experiments could be tried of various sorts. Among the results would be Reports on important subjects obtained. Old mobilisation stores and equipment practically used up, instead of lying rusting in stores. Staffs trained and an army kept fit.

TABLE TALK.

AN AVALANCHE OF SHORT STORIES.

BY WALTER BESANT.

LONDON, JAN. 20

It seems as if an apology were necessary for speaking once more on the very painful subject of vivisection. I do so because I have received three letter on the subject and because all three letters should be acknowledged. The first is from a gentleman who has written on the subject with much force and earnestness. He asks me to acknowledge the receipt of his pamphlet in this column. This I do, with many thanks to him for the opportunity of reading it. I am unworthy to read it, because I am ignorant of the scientific aspect of the case. The second is from a lady. She asks me to explain that my "lady correspondent on anti-vivisection would, with great pleasure, believe in the humanity of the operators but for their own statistics and statements, which prevent her doing so." She does not like my theory that the "opponents of vivisection obstinately refuse to believe in the humanity of the operators." She appears especially hurt by the words "obstinately refuse." I am most unwilling to wound any sincere persons in any cause whatever. But it is a law of humanity that the more convinced a person is on any subject, the more unable he becomes to understand what can be said on the other side. And in the matter of vivisection, confess I do see some reluctance to believe that a scientific man can also be a humane and tender-hearted man. The third correspondent sends me an article from the "National Review"—a very strong article. I have read it. I have again consulted a physician whom I know to be humane and tender-hearted. He again assures me of the truth of his former statement—viz, that living animals are operated upon under anæsthetics, and are destroyed before coming to life. What is the outsider to do when he receives statements so conflicting! Nothing but to leave the question alone, if he is a wise man: to believe, if possible, that operators are truthful and merciful, and to hope that the opponents of cruelty will do their best to make it impossible—so far as law can make anything impossible—to torture dumb and helpless creatures.

I am especially obliged for that number of the National Review—it was that of December, 1898—for another reason, namely, that I was thus enabled to read a paper which I had omitted when the above mentioned number came out. It is a paper which one would be sorry not to have read; it contains an account of one of these little episodes in history which light up the dreary pages of war, marches, sieges, and battles. The story is told with great force by Mr P. A. Bagenal. He calls it a "Scotch Missie." It is simply the narrative of an extraordinarily dangerous and difficult business of the highest importance to this country, successfully accomplished, at the risk of being shot if detected. The story, to be brief, is this: Napoleon had borrowed from Spain a force of 20,000 men, which he marched across Europe as far north as Denmark in order to form part of the army under Bernadotte. It was just before the Peninsular War, when things looked gloomy indeed for our prospects. The British Government, secretly or openly, were attempting to raise Spain in revolt against the French conquerors. Should the attempt succeed, this force might prove extremely effective if it could be embarked in British transports, and so sent back to Spain, while Bernadotte's army would, of course, be so much weakened by its loss. A Scotch Roman Catholic priest named McKenzie undertook to carry a verbal message to the Spanish General. He did so in disguise as a German, pretending to be a Hanoverian merchant. Of course he carried his life in his hand, and had to run the gauntlet of a hundred French posts. He was successful after a great number of adventures and perils; the Spanish army was actually embarked in British ships and taken to Spain; the Peninsular War began, and I hope these reinforcements proved useful. These are the main facts and I strongly recommend those who have not already seen the paper in last December's *National* to look for it and to read it.

Another correspondent reminds me that it is now some weeks since I called attention to the round white spots on the titles of certain London morning papers. He says; "You have raised our curiosity. Why not satisfy it?" Because, my friend, I am not able. I wish I could. I have had many letters on the subject, including a book in which the matter is mentioned but not satisfactorily explained. The mysterious signs still go on, day after day, jumping from one letter to another. The thing could certainly be explained by a compositor, but no one has done so as yet. Perhaps all the compositors of all the titles of all the London papers are combined to have an innocent game with us, and to create a mystery which means nothing.

My friend, Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia College, New York, sends me a paper of his on the future of political power. It is an interesting speculation, conducted with great ability. The Latin races are decaying. Spain has sunk. Is it for the moment or altogether? He thinks that she can never recover. Italy is decaying; France is supposed to be decaying. On the other hand, two whole continents belong to one race—that of Australia and that of North America. We hold the best part of Africa and a goodly lump of Asia, with islands and stations dotted about all over the world. But there is Germany. Can she expand? Not much. The only other power, he thinks, that will be able to rival the Anglo-Saxon Federation will be Russia, to whom will probably fall the whole of Asia. In his view it will be Russian against Anglo-Saxon—the Russian influence predominant in Europe and master of Asia; the other influence master over the rest of the world. It is a long look ahead; such a prophecy must depend more or less on the conditions of the day, and these may at any time change. What, for instance, would happen if the Latin races were to unite; if another Napoleon arose; if he once more overran Europe; if he succeeded in Napoleon's great dream and conquered America as well? Or what would happen if the three hundred millions of Chinese got arms and rose and poured westward over Asia into Europe? We shall not be there to see! I am not so sure of that. The history of mankind is so full of interest that I hope we shall be somewhere in a position to see what goes on. The disturbing power of the future—perhaps the near future—will be, I venture to think, China. That of the present is that France which we are all agreed to consider as a country in decay. Meantime it is a country with an immense army and a powerful navy, and it is restless and uncomfortable and quarrelsome and discontented; and while its faithful ally calls aloud for disarmament and peace, this decaying country increases its armies and its fleets and clamours for war. We are as yet, you see, a long way off the Professor's future.

Among the modern products of these islands, beside the iron, coals, lead, the cotton stuffs, and other things for which we are justly famous, is an article of manufacture and commerce not hitherto classed by statisticians. It is at the present day an article in very great demand, yet the supply is always greater than the demand. It can only be produced by persons of good education; it requires no apprenticeship; there are no teachers or trainers in the art; no classes for it at the polytechnics; a fairly good living may be made out of it, indeed, some persons get quite large incomes by the art. The manufacture which I mean is that of the short story. If you consider the vast number of magazines, monthly and weekly; the country papers, daily and weekly; and the colonial papers, all of which require short stories, one, two, or more for every issue, you will understand that the supply of these stories has created a separate branch of literary workers. And since the work is paid for and since everybody thinks he can do the work, the supply is tenfold greater than the demand, enormous though that may be. Every editor says the same thing and makes the same offer. "I want short stories. I am always wanting short stories. I want fresh and new stories every week. Send me short stories and I will send you the good red gold." The response is an avalanche of short stories sent to every editor every week. I have had no end of complaints from aggrieved writers who cannot get their MSS. taken or sent back. The constant marvel to me is that editors can find time even to look at the papers they receive. Certainly the first look is generally enough. Years ago I used often to drop into the office of such an editor, He was always up to the knees in MSS. Did he read them all? No, he confessed, not half of them. He was an exception perhaps. It does seem to me that the present editor finds time to read everything. I wish we could get some statistics as to the number of people writing short stories and sending them on from one magazine to another in the hope that in one or the other they may find acceptance. There are, I am convinced, many thousands.

Leaving the Editor, however, one asks next how all these stories are invented, where they are found, how the writers can go on pouring out these little fictions. For each story, remember, must be a complete episode. It must be really a story likely to interest the readers. As for its literary merit, of that I will say nothing here. In many cases the less said the better. There are ugly rumours of old stories being "conveyed" from old and foreign magazines, fitted with new names, provided with a new setting and new scenery, told in new language. Against this kind of deception an Editor is for the most part powerless. It is impossible for him to remember or to have read all the old stories. I have now, however, lighted upon an advertisement which seems to explain part of the activity displayed in this branch of Art. It is taken from a London paper. "Literary. Wanted. Rough Plots and Outlines of Stories, suitable for working up into short stories. Good Price given. Address, &c, &c, &c."

The advertiser, you see, proposes to buy his plots. He would would say, frankly, "Why not?" I buy the situation: every short story must have a single situation; I do the telling; I make the story—why should I not buy the plots?" Well—if you come to think of it, why not? The plot is only the rough material. All the situations, one has ever invented, are ought to tell his editor the little fact. But that, after all, is his own affair. The editor is not injured or deceived, nor are the readers of the magazine. Yet again, one has a feeling that a storyteller ought to have a story of his own to tell. Meantime there is the danger that the honest merchant who sells the plot may have found it; or conveyed it; or got hold of it in some illicit manner; in which case the unfortunate purchaser might find himself in the very disagreeable position of having forfeited his editors confidence. There is also another danger; that this seller of the plot may discover that it is more profitable to work up his plots

KOLHAPUR NOTES.

MEETING OF THE RAJARAMIANS.

DEATH OF THE CHIEF OF MIRAJ JUNIOR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, FEB. 9.

THE most interesting item of recent news has been the annual gathering of the Rajaramians at Prayaga. About five miles from the town of Kolhapur, on the north-west of it, the River Bhogavati falls into the River Kasari, from whence it is called the River Panchganga, and the spot where the two rivers join is called Prayaga, and held in reverence by all the Hindus of this part of the country. One month in every year is set apart as the special season of holiness for bathing at this spot, and it generally falls in the months of January and February. It is now about thirty years since the Rajaramians arranged a gathering of their own to go to Prayaga on a day during the middle of the season, and it is called their Prayaga Excursion. This year's gathering, therefore, was the 31st anniversary of this institution, and was attended by over two hundred students, past and present. Since Mr. Candy joined the Rajaram High School nineteen years ago he took much interest and pains to make this excursion what it has now become, an important event every year for all the Rajaramians whose number is rapidly increasing among all sections of the community.

After dinner a very interesting programme was gone through which included singing and speeches, both in Marathi and English, by the present students, who competed for prizes by speaking on appointed subjects. The programme also included an item of competition in swimming, which undoubtedly proved to be a most exciting feature of the enjoyments. Before the programme was brought to an end, an old Rajaramian, Rao Sahib Krisnajee Bhikhajee Gokhale, said he was pleased to find everything in connection with this gathering so satisfactory, and expressed his regret at being unable to attend on the past two or three occasions. He thanked the Sirdars who honoured the gathering with their presence, especially the Chiefs of Vishalgad and Miraj. He was delighted to see Mr. Candy there, and thanked him for his presence, in alluding to Mr. Candy, Mr. Gokhale remarked that from all that was going on to sever the former's connection with the college he had not expected to meet him there; but he rejoiced that such was not the case, and hoped that Mr. Candy would honour the institution with his presence for many more years to come. Before concluding his remarks he suggested that some record should be kept of the gatherings and a report of the past years proceedings be read over at each gathering.

Mr. Vaman Baji Kulkarni, also spoke.

Mr. Candy said he was very glad to see Mr. K. Gokhale present at the 31st gathering, especially because he was one of those who assisted there for the first time 30 years ago. Mr. Candy agreed with Mr. Gokhale's suggestion that there should be a record kept of every year's gathering and thanked him for the kind words he had spoken about himself. He also thanked the Sirdars and the State officials, who, being old Rajaramians, had honoured the gathering with their presence, and especially the Chiefs of Vishalgad and Miraj, and assured the latter that all the students warmly appreciated his geniality in dining with them as he had done. Out of the three examinations for which their Institution sent candidates, in two they held the first place, and he added that they might look forward for a brilliant career for Messrs. Sathe and Dharale, who were first respectively in the Intermediate and Matriculation. Mr. Candy impressed on all that their aim should be to send forth from their college to the world, men who should be distinguished for their uprightness, their honour and love of truth. All could not hope to be high in the examination lists but all could keep this latter aim before them and strive to attain it. He further mentioned that Mr. K. D. Kulkarni, also a Rajaramian, who is learning mining and metallogy in Japan by the kind help of H. H. Schindia of Gwalior, and expressed hisbopes that other students would also get help from kind patrons to study commercial subjects abroad. Before concluding he said that they must all regret with him the absence of an old Rajaramian, the late lamented Rao Bahadoor B. N. Joshi, who had been a staunch supporter of these gatherings.

The Chief of Miraj junior died at Kolhapur on Tuesday morning. He had been ill for the past few weeks suffering from fever and other complaints on account of which he was living in Kolhapur, being attended by Doctor Sinclair. For several years he was a student in the Sirdars' class of the Rajaram College.

A mild type of influenza is prevailing in the town. The Political Agent returned from his tour last week. The Chief of Jamkhindi has also come back with the Political Agent, the whole party arriving by a special train on Thursday last. His Highness the Maharaja is still at Kagal. The Maharani and the Prince were reported to be slightly indisposed, but are now doing well.

On account of the influenza now prevailing here the death-rate of the city of Kolhapur has been increased in extent. It is remarked that the present sickness is likely to be followed by plague as was the case at Miraj. Although there are not many cases of real influenza among the sufferers, nearly three-fourths of the population are down with severe colds, cough and other chest complaints. The weather also has become very peculiar, and is perhaps conducive to the growth of sickness.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES' PETITION.

The reply from the Government of Bombay to the petition of the American Presbyterian Mission addressed by them a few months ago regarding the plague measures in Kolhapur and the Southern Maratha Country about which a good deal was said in your columns, came here last week; but as the packet containing the reply was addressed to the President of the Mission, who is now working at Vinguria, it was transmitted there. On perusing it, however, that the reply was so transmitted and the Missionaries here did not see its contents Colonel Wray very kindly forwarded a copy of the reply to one of the Missionaries at this station. It stated that the petition which asks to appoint a Commission to enquire into the plague measures is inadmissible, as the Government is satisfied with the past and present plague measures adopted by the Political Agent at Kolhapur and the S. M. Country.

This reply has met with general dissatisfaction, since it is known that the Government did not even call upon the petitioners to show what grounds they had to prefer such a petition, and to adduce proofs in support of the several allegations contained therein. A sifting inquiry would have been satisfactory for the Missionary petition was generally appreciated.

The Government sanction lending the services of Mr. Golvalkar as Karbhari at Sangli has come, and he is ordered to take up his new appointment as soon as possible. Mr. Golvalkar last acted as Plague officer of Kolhapur State, and his removal from there may cause some changes among the State officials.

BOMBAY CYCLING CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE Bombay Cycling Club held the first day's racing of their annual meeting on the Marine Lines track yesterday evening. There will be another day's racing this evening when the meeting will be brought to a close with a distribution of prizes. The course had received a good rolling and riders found the track considerably improved since last they wheeled over it. The enclosure was tastefully laid out with flags, and the buffet under the management of the Grand Hotel catered for those who were in need of refreshments.

A card of six events was presented, but of these only five were gone through, the event for a mile scratch on the "House Trainer" failing to come off. Of the other events the Club Mile Championship provided perhaps the most exciting race of the evening, though perhaps the winner had a measure of the other riders. In the Quarter mile the handicapping gave the scratch man no chance. Mr. G. R. Allen won the final though judged by the time recorded in the first heat, Eynon should have won. With a 240 yards start the other riders in the two miles handicap by Mr. Fischer, and he also managed with the allowance he recived in the five mile Handicap to win that event also. The handicappers evidently underestimated Mr. Lady's ability when they gave him 100 yards in the Novice Mile Handicap Mr. G. Hunter who rides for the first time at a cycling meeting in Bombay did remarkably well and would perhap have scored a win had the handicapper been a bit more indulgent. Another rider, a recent arrival Mr. Knell looks like a race, but he was evidently not fit enough to be able to ride from scratch immediately after a Two Mile Handicap in the Novice Race. We are in hopes that the racing to-day will be an improvement on yesterday and that the finishes will be as exciting as when Warner and Brom by jumped the tape in the Five Mile Handicap for third place.

The following are the details of the day's racing.

Quarter mile Handicap.—All amateurs. 1st Prize by Marcus & Co. Ld., 2nd prize pair of vases. 3rd prize Imperial lamp.

1st Heat.

C Eynon 45 yards	1
S R Davar 45 yards	2

Time 37-4-5 seconds.

2nd Heat.

F Commissariatwalla 40 yards	1
B Bromley scratch	2

Time 37-1-5 seconds.

3rd Heat.

G Hunter 40 yards	1
M S Wacha 50 yards	2

Time 38-3-5 seconds.

4th Heat.

J R Allen 15 yards	1
P F Fischer 30 yards	2

Time 38-1-5 seconds.

FINAL.

J R Allen	1
G Hunter	2
C Eynon	3

Won by a wheel.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

1 mile scratch race members Bombay Cycling Club. 1st Prize Challenge Shield and Gold Medal, 2nd prize, silver medal with gold centre, 3rd prize, silver medal.

V Bromley	1
W L Longland	2
A C Warner	3

Time—3 min. 5 3-5 secs.

Won by a bicycle length.

Two Miles Handicap.—All amateurs.

1st Prize Brownley Cup, 2nd Prize Carbide lamp, 3rd prize—pair of brushes.

P F Fischer 240 yards	1
M B Wacha 380 yards	2
G Lund 300 yards	3

Time—5 min. 7 4-5 secs.

Won by a street.

One Mile Handicap.—Novice Race. All amateurs, 1st Prize Silver Vase, 2nd Prize Foot pump, 3rd prize a watch.

A K Dady, 120 yards	1
C Eynon, 56 yards	2
G Hunter, 25 yards	3

Time—2mns. 46 4-5secs.

Won by a length.

Five Miles Handicap. All Amateurs.

1st prize B. B. and C. I. Railway Challenge cup and prize presented by Messrs. Clifton and Co., 2nd prize electroplated goug; 3rd prize, butter cooler.

P F Fischer, 400 yards	1
G Lund, 1230 yards	2
V Bromley, scratch	3

Time—14mins. 3 4-5secs.

Won by a quarter of a lap.

THE TRAGEDY OF PARNELL.

THE BEGINNING OF THE INTRIGUE.

MR. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., writes as follows in the Map:—Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea may be said to have fallen in love almost at first sight. Mr. Barry O'Brien, though he is not a good authority, had some evidence, I am sure, when he makes the statement that Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea lived as man and wife from 1881. It is certain that Captain O'Shea suspected that something was wrong early in 1881. Captain O'Shea lived both at Eltham and in Albert Mansions, in Victoria Street; he seems to have spent part of the week in the one place and part in the other. Parnell at an early date began to be constant visitor at Eltham; but Captain O'Shea seems to have been painfully surprised when on one occasion he found Parnell's portmanteau there—some thing like a symbol of permanent residence which was quite sufficient to justify a husband's suspicion and anger. At all events, the effect of the discovery was that Captain O'Shea, on July 13th, 1881, sent a challenge to Parnell suggesting that they should both go abroad and have a hostile meeting at Lille, or some other town in the north of France.

I have always thought that Parnell was physically a brave man, but unless when he lost all self-control he was not in the least a reckless one. He was not the man, unless he was driven to it, to fight a duel; he was much too rational—far too much a child of his realistic age—to have any faith in those old-fashioned notions. I remember distinctly a conversation in which he put forward his views on duelling; it was an occasion not without interest and instruction.

THE O'GORMAN MAHON.

AMONG the members of the Irish party at that time was Colonel O'Gorman Mahon. He was then up wards of eighty years of ago; indeed, some people insisted that he was already part ninety; he was certainly ninety when he died. He was one of the most picturesque figures in the House of Commons. He had been a member as far back as the fearly days of Daniel O'Connell; and even then he was not a youngster, for he was something like thirty years of age; and that was the year 1833. He therefore appeared to the men among whom he moved, as something like a historic resurrection—a man that belonged to dim and distant ages remote to the imagination in some respects than more even the darkness of the Middle Ages. He seemed, indeed, to belong much more to the eighteenth century than to the nineteenth; he might have been the ghost of one of the men who fought against the destruction of the old Irish Parliament.

In appearance, in language, above all in ideas, he belonged to that period. And that, as everybody knows, was the period when gentlemen where supposed to find a defence for their outraged honour—especially in politics—by meeting each other with pistols in a duel. The O'Gorman Mahon—immensely tall, robust, with a long face, a tremendous jaw, strong features, a nose like the beak of some great eagle, a bush of white hair that, somehow or other, suggested the mane of a lion and a deep voice that equally suggested the roar of the lion of the forest—the O'Gorman Mahon was just the living embodiment of the Lucius O'Trigger of the eighteenth century. And he had led life of a Lucius O'Trigger. Nobody ever got him to tell the full story of the duels in which he had been engaged as principal or second. There was one bewildering story in which three duels were fought on the same morning indeed, on the same ground, whithin a few minutes of each other, and by the same person, the seconds being the principals, each in turn. And in all these duels the O'Gorman Mahon had taken part.

The duel was so well established as a political institution in those far off days that O'Connell, even at the moment when all the hopes of the Irish nation depended on his single life actually went out with a dead shot and killed his man. And to bring home to the mind of the men of this epoch how recent even strange things incredible things are, it is well to recall the fact that Peel and O'Connell went very near having a duel, and that as late as 1840. Peel was said to have seriously contemplated whether he ought not to call out Disraeli in reply to the terrific invectives which Disraeli was then uttering against Peel for abandoning Protection.

I must resist the temptation to tarry by the way and tell more of the O'Gorman Mahon; but I cannot resist describing one scene which was characteristic of the man. It was the scene at his death-bed.

THE DEATH OF AN IRISH CHIEF.

You will easily understand that his language had the fin full-bloodedness of the beginning of the century. There was a "D——n," and more frequently a "G——d——n," at every second word. G——d——n it, sir!—this was how he spoke. Dr. McDonnell, M.D., was his physician as well as his friend, and he was sitting at the old fellow's bedside when I went to pay him my last visit. By way of drawing him out and of cheering him up, Dr. McDonnell asked him some questions with regard to his past life; and the old fellow, taking good dips from a bottle of port meantime, began to tell of his doings by flood and fell, with bewildering variety of experience and locality.

At one time you were in the midst of a boar-hunt in which the Irish Chieftain was hunting "with my friend the Czar" then he was in South America, and was describing a battle at sea; an earthquake some of the convulsion of man or Nature; and finally, to make conversation I said to him, "Well, Colonel, and when were you happiest?" He was a little hard of hearing, and I had to repeat my question. "When was I happiest? G——d——n it, sir, I was always happy; G——d——n it, I'm happy now!"

And he was dying in poor lodgings in Sidney Street Fulham Road, implies a good deal to the Londoner. And then I thought of that other old man who had died, also at as great an age within a few yards of this very street—namely, in Cheyne Row, Chelsea—I mean, of course Carlyle. I could not help thinking what vast gulfs separate human character; this one always bemoaning the misery of human life, and this other, on his bed of death, roaring out from his great mane "G——d——n it, sir, I way always happy; I'm happy now!"

PARNELL AND THE DUELLO.

Well the O'Gorman Mahon was very much cut up by some luckless in the struggle over the Coercion Bill of 1887. Sir William Harcourt was making very strong speeches in favour of the Bill, spiced by personal allusions to the chief Irish members. Parnell in particular was the object of Harcourt's attacks. And Parnell had given rise to one of Sir William's most famous sallies by the fact that in the midst of the debate upon the Bill he had disappeared—a disappearance as to which I shall have something to say later on.

The O'Gorman Mahon solemnly approached Parnell in the evident anticipation that, without any discussion whatever, Parnell was going to send him with a challenge to Sir William Harcourt. Parnell very gently and with a smile, told the irate old chieftain that he did not believe in duelling. A look of sadness and disappointment came over the face of the lion-maned and lion-voiced old duellist. He was evidently grieved, though he was too polite to say so.

Parnell, then, did not fight the duel with Captain O'Shea, and had no intention, probably, of ever doing so; and I mention the matter only for the purpose of fixing the date at which the intimacy between Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea began.

PARNELL'S ARREST.

And now there comes a curious episode in this story Parnell was arrested and placed in Kilmainham gaol, in October, 1881. I have no doubt that already he and Mrs. O'Shea had confessed their love to each other. Already he had begun to bear the outward signs of that terrible burden which lay upon him from almost the first hour of this fatal and tragic passion. He, who used to be always with his companions, and always at their disposal; who was glad to spend his evenings with them at the restaurant; who was never absent from a political engagement and seemed to be literally consumed by political frenzy and activity—this man began to be uncertain in his movements. It was then, too, he started those mysterious disappearances—sudden vanishings into the darkness, and equally sudden reappearances—which were at once the torture, the embarrassment and the wonder of his colleagues for years.

It was after one of these disappearances that there occured a small thing, but one which I mention as characteristic. It was reported in the papers that he turned up after long and anxious expectation at a meeting—if I mistake not, it was in county Longford—but that at first he was not recognised because he had shaven off his beard. His beard was part of Parnell's face and appearance, and already the face and figure had been stamped on the imagination and memory of the Irish people by numberless photographs, pictures in papers and on banners.

I saw him soon after this, and I was immensely and I must add, almost unpleasantly struck by the difference the change made in his appearance. For the first time I recognised in the bare shaven chin its squareness, its strength, its hardness; the nose seemed to have become larger, stronger, sterner; the beard had softened the whole face, its removal had hardened it. It was perhaps the first moment that the real Parnell was revealed to me. Irishmen will understand better than Englishmen what I mean when I say that Parnell's face at once became a Protestant face; the face not of the softer and gentler race which originally owned the Irish land, but of the hard, strong, cruel, self-assertive race that had come from over the seas and dispossessed the old race.

PARNELL'S RELEASE FROM KILMAINHAM.

In October of 1881, as I have said, Parnell had been arrested, and had been placed in Kilmainham Gaol. On April 12th in the following year—1882—he was released on parole. The release even thus temporarily at that moment created an immense amount of interest; for there was beginning to be the suspicion that the policy of coercion had broken down; that Mr. Forster had been undermined in the Cabinet by Mr. Chamberlain who was always his opponent; and that the release of three members—Parnell, John Dillon, and James O'Kelly—was certain to come soon.

The reason given for Parnell's release was that a son of his sister—Mrs. Thomson—was dying, or had died, in Paris; and the release was for the period that would be necessary for the imprisoned Irish leader to attend the funeral of his young relative.

But even this explanation did not sufficiently explain the transaction to the public. All kinds of rumours were afloat. I have been looking over the papers of the period; and it is curious to see the proofs there are in them of the intense amount of excitement which Parnell's movements were creating. For the second time—the first was during the case of the Longford meeting to which I have already alluded—Parnell became a man of mystery—of strange and unaccountable disappearances. He dined with Mr. McCarthy on the day of his arrival in London. "After dining at the residence of Mr. McCarthy, M. P.," is the report in "The Times" of April 12th, 1882, "on Monday night, he left there shortly after ten o'clock to visit a friend, but before doing so he took leave of his host and Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., stating that he meant to slip quietly out of town.

We are all able to read between the lines of this somewhat enigmatic statement now; the "friend" whom Parnell went to visit was undoubtedly Mrs. O'Shea, and we can understand why it was that he delayed his visit to so late an hour and why he wanted to slip away unobserved. There is further evidence that Parnell went to Eltham, the residence of Mrs. O'Shea, in a letter which he wrote to Captain O'Shea at the period. "I was very sorry," wrote Parnell from Kilmainham on April 28th, 1882 (that is to say, four days after his return to gaol on the expiration of his parole), "that you had left Albert Mansions before I reached London from Eltham."

And now, why did Parnell leave Kilmainham at the moment? For his temporary disappearances from prison led to most important events, for which there must have been some preparation long before. During this period of parole Parnell negotiated and practically carried into effect what came to be known as the Kilmainham Treaty—that is to say in arrangement, which involved on the side of the Government the dismissal of Forster and the dropping of Coercion; and on the side of Parnell, the gradual slowing down of the agitation. And it was the conclusion of the Kilmainham Treaty that rendered inevitable the release of Parnell and his colleagues.

The ostensible reason, as has been seen, was the death of the young relative, and undoubtedly that reason existed. But here is little doubt that the relations between Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea had something to do with the transaction. And at this point comes a curious circumstance in the whole history. When Parnell was consulting his counsel as to the line of defence that could be taken up in the divorce case, he made constant and explicit allusions to the great people whose names might be mentioned, and whose reputations might be involved. We now know what these suggestions meant—at whom they were pointed.

MR. GLADSTONE AND MRS. O'SHEA.

The word of the enigma is given in the following extract from an interview which Mr. Barry O'Brien states he had with Mr. Chamberlain:

Mr. Chamberlain: "He"—that is to say: Parnell—"was in communication with Mr. Gladstone through a lady."

"Mrs. O'Shea?"

Mr. Chamberlain: "Yes."

"Mr Gladstone has frankly told me that. He told me that he had seen Mrs. O'Shea for the first time in 1882."

Mr. Chamberlain: "Yes, he told me the same thing."

"May I take it that the Cabinet was practically in relation with arnell through Mrs. O'Shea from 1882?"

Mr. Chamberlain: "Yes."

And in an interview which Mr. O'Brien had with Mr. Gladstone there is the same story:

"I had," said Mr. Gladstone to Mr. O'Brien, "a communication from Mrs. O'Shea about the same time" (that is to say, in 1882). "She ask wrote to me to call to see her. Well, she told me that she was a niece of Lord Hatherley, and I called to see her. She said that a great change had come over Parnell with reference to myself personally and with influence in the Liberal Party, and that he desired friendly relations with us."

"Had you any written communications with Mrs. O'Shea?" asked the interviewer.

"No," replied Mr. Gladstone, "I wrote her no letters of importance."

Here then, was a strange and perilous state of things. On the one hand the Minister were using as an intermediary in negotiations of the gravest importance between them and Parnell a lady who was the wife of Parnell's colleague. On the other hand they think Mrs. O'Shea to Parnell! They must have been very simple men if they did not think the circumstances strange, especially as all society was ringing with the rumours of the *Liaison*!

And what rendered the situation still more complicated was the fact that scarcely ever, in even the maddest and most tragic passions of human history, was there a man whose affectionate servitude to a woman was more complete than was Parnell's to Mrs. O'Shea.

I shall give some startling proofs of the completeness of his servitude.

ENGLAND AND THE SOUDAN.

AN ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CONVENTION.

FUTURE OF THE SOUDAN.

AN agreement laying down the principles which will guide the future administration of the Soudan was signed in Cairo by Lord Cromer and the Egyptian Foreign Minister. We publish below the full text of this most important document which explains Lord Salisbury's refere ce to the Soudan in the debate in the House of Lords on the reply to the Queen's speech:—

"Whereas certain provinces in the Soudan which were in rebellion against the authority of the Khedive have now been reconquered by the joint military and financial efforts of Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Egypt:

"And whereas it has become necessary to decide upon a system for the administration of and for the making of laws for the said reconquered provinces under which due allowances may be made for the backward and unsettled conditions of large portions thereof and for the varying requirements of different localities:

"And whereas it is desired to give effect to the claims which have accrued to Her Britannic Majesty's Government by right of conquest to share in the present settlement and future working and development of the said system and legislation:

"And whereas it is conceived that, for many purposes, Wady Halfa and Suakin may be most effectively administered in connection with the reconquered provinces to which they are respectively adjacent:—

"Now it is hereby agreed and declared by and between the undersigned, duly authorised for that purpose as follows:—

"The word 'Soudan' in this agreement means all the territories south of the 22nd parallel of latitude, which have never been evacuated by the Egyptian troops since the year 1883, or which, having before the late rebellion in the Soudan been administered by the Government of His Highness the Khedive, were temporarily lost to Egypt and have been reconquered by Her Majesty's Government and the Egyptian Government acting in concert, which may hereafter be reconquered by the two Governments acting in concert.

"The British and Egyptian flags shall be used together both on land and water throughout the Soudan, except in those towns or places in which locality the Egyptian flag alone shall be used.

"The supreme military and civil command in the Soudan shall be vested in one officer termed the Governor-General of the Soudan. He shall be appointed by Khedivial decree with the consent of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, and shall be removed only by Khedivial decree with the consent of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

"Laws, as also orders and regulations with the full force of law, for the good government of the Soudan, and for the regulating, holding, disposal, and devolution of property of every kind therein situate, may from time to time be made, altered, or abrogated by proclamation of the Governor-General. Such laws, orders, and regulations may apply to the whole or to any named part of the Soudan, and may either explicitly or by necessary implication alter or abrogate any existing law or regulation. All such proclamations shall be forthwith notified to the Egyptian Agent in Cairo and to the President of the Council of Ministers of the Khedive.

"No Egyptian law, decree, or Ministerial 'arrete' or other enactment hereafter to be made or promulgated shall apply to the Soudan or any part thereof save in so far as the same shall be applied by proclamation of the Governor-General in the manner hereinbefore provided.

"In the definition by proclamation of the conditions under which europeans of whatever nationality shall be at liberty to trade with or reside in the Soudan or to hold property within its limits, no special privileges shall be accorded to the subjects of any one Power.

"Import duties on entering the Soudan shall not be payable on goods coming from Egyptian territory. Such duties may, however, be levied on goods coming from elsewhere than Egyptian territory; but in the case of goods entering the Soudan at Suakin or any other port on the Red Sea littoral they shall not exceed the corresponding duties for the time being leviable on goods entering Egypt from abroad. Duties may be levied on goods leaving the Soudan at such rates as may from time to time be prescribed by proclamation.

"The jurisdiction of the Mixed Tribunals shall not extend nor be recognised for any purpose whatsoever in any part of the Soudan except in the town of Suakin. Until and save so far as it shall be otherwise determined by proclamation, to Soudan, with the exception of the town of Suakin, shall be and remain under martial law.

"No Consuls, Vice-Consuls, or Consular Agents shall be accredited in respect of nor allowed to reside in the Soudan without the previous consent of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

"The importation of slaves into the Soudan, as also their exportation, is absolutely prohibited. Provision shall be made by proclamation for the enforcement of the regulation.

"It is agreed between the Governments that special attention shall be paid to the enforcement of the Brussels Act of July 2, 1890, in respect to the import, sale, and manufacture of firearms and their munitions, and distilled or spirituous liquors."

ABOUT LOVE LETTERS.

BEFORE 1882 a married lady had no legal right to keep possession of her husband's love-letters addressed to herself! They, with all the rest of her goods and chattels, became her husband's property on marriage; and the late Lord Lytton sued for and actually recovered possession of all his father's letters to his mother on the ground that they were part of his father's estate to which he was heir-at-law, and did not belong to his mother.

Copyright in letters—the right to print and publish—does not pass to the receiver, but remains with the writer who can forbid the publication of them by his correspondent. Moreover, that copyright is perpetual This is surely very ideal.

Letters are, or should be written freely from the soul and for the eye alone of the one to whom they are addressed. All the moralities of private social intercourse are disregarded when letters which obviously, from their very nature, were never intended for the cold glance of the casual stranger are brought to the garish publicity of print.

It would be too much to expect of us that we should not read them when they are published; but calmly to peruse certain collections of letters in type is so like the unveiling of a soul that one feels that one should be ashamed of thus spying upon it.

Such was the feeling with which we read, for example, Mary Wolstonecroft's letters to Imlay, and such also the impression produced by Lord Lytton's love letters.

LINKS WITH THE PAST.

THE death of Elizabeth Lady Harrington, and the great age of ninty-two, reminds one of the many wonderful people there are still alive who adorned the society of the early part of the Queen's reign, and from a most curious connecting link with the past. Foremost among these, writes "Hebe" in the Gentlewoman, is Lady Lyndhurst, who is the widow of Lord Chancellor Lyndhurst, and lives in Eaton-square, enjoying wonderful health, in spite of her immense age. Even more wonderful is the Dowager Lady Carew who has completed her century, and was actually married eighty-two years ago while another Irish peeress, the Dowager Lady Clancarty, is hale and hearty at eighty-six years of age. Everyone remembers the presence at the Queen's Jubilee garden-party of Lady Mary Scarlet, who had also taken part in the festivities that celebrated George III.'s Jubilee. Lady Mary is still alive and is paying her annual visit to the South of France notwithstanding the fact that she is only one year younger than the century. Her sister Lady Louisa Percevale, also of those years [illegible] and so entertaining [illegible] old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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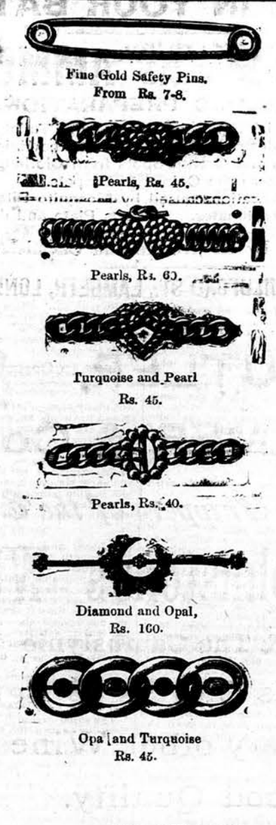
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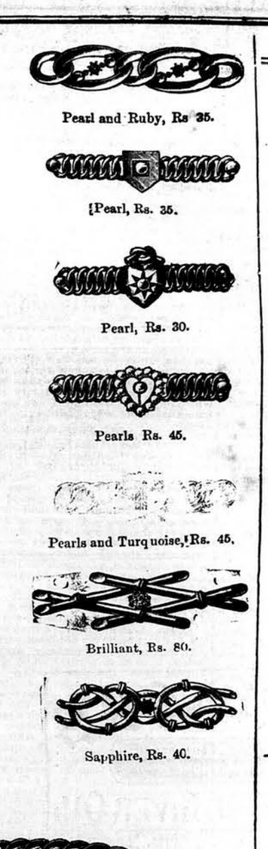

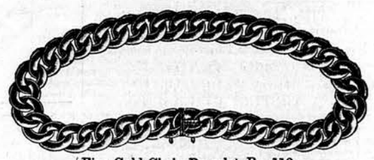

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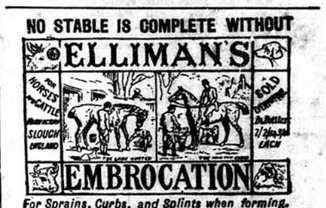

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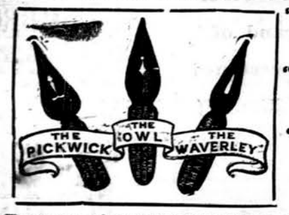

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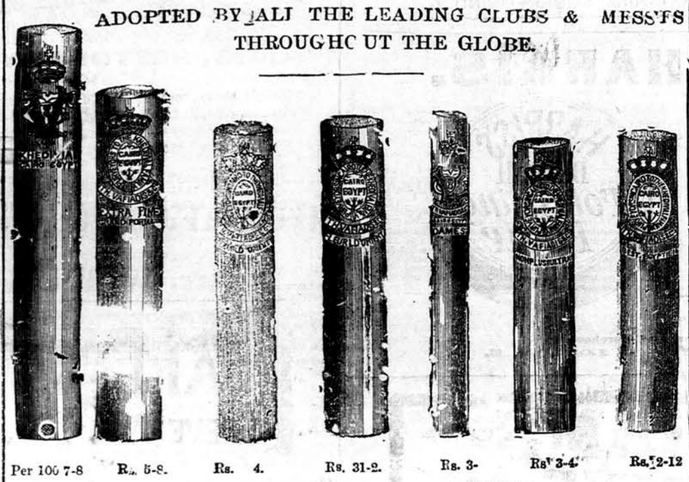

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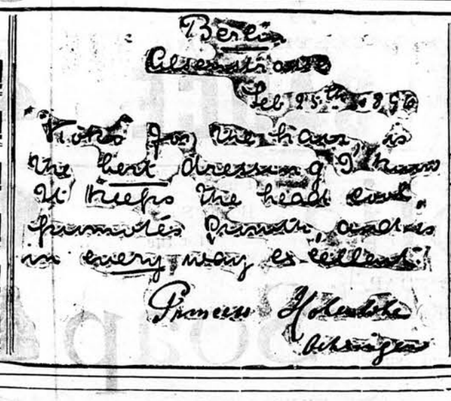

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